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Galveston 'Isn't Ready' for Return

DEVASTATED: Ernest Coronel of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals searches for pets in an area destroyed by Hurricane Ike in Galveston, Texas, Thursday. Galveston officials urged patience from residents eager to return home. The city "isn't ready," said Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas, asking residents to wait at least another week to return. ♦ **Progress:** Signs of recovery emerge | Page 7

Feds Give Approval To GMOs

Food from genetically altered animals clears major hurdle

WASHINGTON | Super Chicken strutted a step closer to the dinner table Thursday.

The government said it will start considering proposals to sell genetically engineered animals as food, a move that could lead to faster-growing fish, cattle that can resist mad cow disease or perhaps heart-healthier eggs laid by a new breed of chickens.

The rules will also apply to drugs and other medical materials from genetically engineered animals, a field with explosive potential.

U.S. supermarkets currently sell no meat from genetically engineered animals. But a Boston-area company called Aqua Bounty Technologies hopes to win approval next year for its faster-growing salmon and make the fish available by 2011.

Reaction from consumer groups was mixed. They welcomed the government's decision to regulate genetically altered animals, but they cautioned that crucial details remain to be spelled out. For example, the Food and Drug Administration does not plan to require that all genetically engineered meat, poultry and fish be labeled as such. It would be labeled only if there was a change in the final product, such as low-cholesterol filet mignon. (AP)



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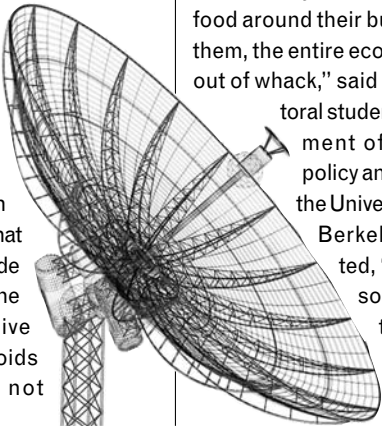
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BIRTHDAYS

World's Oldest Man Uninterested in 2014

The world's oldest man celebrated his 113th birthday Thursday in southern Japan, telling reporters he wants to live another five years. Tomoji Tanabe, who was born Sept. 18, 1895, received birthday gifts, flowers and \$1,000 in cash from the mayor of his hometown of Miyakonojo, on Japan's island of Kyushu. Tanabe told reporters he wants to live "another five years or so," according to city spokesman Akihide Yokoyama. That was a slight downgrade from last year, when he said he wanted to live "for infinity." He avoids alcohol and does not smoke. (AP)



HEAD COUNTS

'You Dirty, Tiny Rat'

Scientists plan to use satellite photos to count Giant Kangaroo Rats, the first-ever monitoring of an endangered species from outer space. Scientists will examine images taken from the same satellite used by Israeli defense forces to find the circular patches of earth denuded by the rats as they gather food around their burrows. "Without them, the entire ecosystem would go out of whack," said Tim Bean, a doctoral student with the department of environmental policy and management at the University of California, Berkeley. Bean admitted, "It's fairly rare for something so small to be a keystone species. It's easier to track, say, bison." (AP)



KRISTIAN DOWLING/GETTY IMAGES

TROTTERS

Wilbur Wright II

The familiar adage "when pigs fly" still hasn't met its match. They don't. They can't. And until bacon, ham and pickled hooves lose their allure, we're not to give them any pointers regarding lift. Pigs are officially grounded, but they're aces at falling through the air. And because they'll do anything for money, this little fellow performed at the Pig Racing and Diving show at Australia's annual celebration of agriculture, the Royal Melbourne Show, on Sept. 18. (EXPRESS)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Missed Call Girls

A misprint in a telephone book has led to some callers' dialing a phone sex service while trying to reach a

New Jersey political organization. A listing for the Sussex County Democratic Committee in Embarq's white pages sent people to a sultry female voice inviting them to pay for sex chat. Embarq spokesman Glenn Lewis told

the New Jersey Herald of Newton that a transposition error caused the last three digits of the Democrats' phone number to be misprinted. He said the listing has been corrected in the directory assistance database. (AP)

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Candidate Pins Blame On the SEC

McCain says he would fire agency's chairman over market turmoil

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA | Republican presidential candidate John McCain said Thursday he would fire Securities and Exchange Chairman Christopher Cox if he were president, accusing the former GOP congressman of betraying the public's trust.

McCain criticized President Bush's choice to lead the federal agency that regulates U.S. stocks and securities as he and Democratic rival Barack Obama tried to win over voters anxious to hear how the next



Cox

president would prevent the sort of financial tremors that have shaken the financial industry this week.

Obama mocked McCain's promise to fire the SEC head at a rally Thursday in Espanola, N.M.

"I think that's all fine and good but here's what I think," Obama said. "In the next 47 days you can fire the whole trickle-down, on-your-own, look-the-other way crowd in Washington who has led us down this disastrous path."

GLEN JOHNSON (AP)

Report: U.S. Crafting Bank Rescue

Stocks surge on news the government may help banks with debt

WASHINGTON | Wall Street finally found reason to rally Thursday, soaring on a report that the Bush administration was considering setting up a government agency to soak up bad loans and mortgages. But it was far from clear that the government had settled on any solution to the worst crisis on Wall Street in decades.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 410 points, recording its biggest percentage gain in nearly six years and adding to a week of extraordinary volatility in the American financial system.

The rebound also came after an infusion of billions of dollars by the Federal Reserve and world governments aimed at getting nervous banks to stop hoarding money.

Stocks had fluctuated through-



Richard Reilly, right, holds his face as he trades Thursday in the S&P 500 futures pit in Chicago. The S&P Index closed up more than 4 percent in trading Thursday.

out the day, without severe swings in either direction, until CNBC reported the administration might back a new agency to take bad assets off the books of struggling banks.

But a person with knowledge of the talks told The Associated Press that the idea, patterned after the Resolution Trust Corp. set up in the aftermath of the savings and

loan crisis of the 1980s, was just one idea on the table.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the discussions, said the talks had not narrowed to a single option, and that the RTC-style solution was not a certainty. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke were scheduled to meet with key congressional leaders late Thursday night.

President Bush canceled out-of-town fundraising trips to Alabama and Florida to stay in Washington and huddle with Paulson and the heads of the Fed and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In an appearance earlier in the day, the president acknowledged "serious challenges" in the markets and said: "The American people can be sure we will continue to act to strengthen and stabilize our financial markets and improve investor confidence." (AP)

HEARSAY | WALL ST.

"We are in uncharted territory. The seriousness and the size of this fallout has been underestimated from the beginning."

—LINDA DUESSEL, EQUITY MARKET STRATEGIST AT FEDERATED INVESTORS, ON THE VOLATILE STOCK TRADING THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE ON WALL STREET THIS WEEK.

Putnam Closes Money-Market Fund

BOSTON | Putnam Investments on Thursday suddenly closed a \$12 billion money-market fund and announced plans to return investors' money after institutional clients pulled out cash despite the fund's lack of exposure to troubled financial firms such as Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.

The move, believed to be unprec-

edented in the nearly \$3.4 trillion money-market fund industry, came a day after asset managers sought to reassure investors in the wake of a massive pullout from large retail fund Reserve Primary Fund.

The firm's trustees voted to close the fund and distribute all assets to investors as quickly as possible — an action Putnam said was "not relat-

ed to the portfolio's credit quality, but was instead a reaction to marketwide liquidity issues."

When a fund suffers a sudden rush of orders to pull out money, fund managers must sell assets — typically at a loss when it must be done quickly, and especially amid this week's stock market turmoil. (AP)



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The number of offshore oil and natural gas production platforms in the Gulf of Mexico that Hurricane Ike destroyed, the Interior Department said Thursday. The destroyed oil facilities produced 13,000 barrels of crude per day.

'Tent Cities' Grow in Size, Number

Foreclosure crisis is forcing many people into homeless camps

RENO, NEVADA | A few tents cropped up by the railroad tracks, pitched by men left with nowhere to go once the emergency winter shelter closed.

Then others appeared — people who had lost their jobs due to the ailing U.S. economy, or newcomers who had moved to Reno for work and discovered no one was hiring.

Within weeks, more than 150 people were living in tents big and small, barely a foot apart in a patch of dirt slated to be a parking lot for a campus of shelters Reno is building for its homeless population. Like many other cities, Reno has found itself with a "tent city" — an encampment of people who had nowhere else to go.

From Seattle to Athens, Georgia, homeless advocacy groups and city agencies are reporting the most vis-



This tent city in Reno, Nev., popped up in a dirt patch where new homeless shelters are slated to be built. Homeless encampments are a growing problem in the U.S.

ible rise in homeless encampments in a generation.

Nearly 61 percent of local and state homeless coalitions say they've experienced a rise in homelessness since the home foreclosure crisis erupted in 2007, according to a report by the National Coalition for the Homeless. The group says

the problem has worsened since the report's release in April, with home foreclosures mounting, gas and food prices rising, and the job market tightening.

The phenomenon of encampments has caught advocacy groups somewhat by surprise, largely because of how quickly they have

sprung up.

"What you're seeing is encampments that I haven't seen since the '80s," said Paul Boden, executive director of the Western Regional Advocacy Project, an umbrella group for homeless advocacy organizations.

The relatively posh California city of Santa Barbara has given over a parking lot to people who sleep in cars and vans. The city of Fresno, Calif., is trying to manage several growing tent cities, including an encampment where people have made shelters out of scrap wood. In Seattle and Portland, Ore., homeless advocacy groups have paired with nonprofits and faith-based groups to manage tent cities as outdoor shelters. Other cities where tent cities have either appeared or expanded include San Diego; Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Columbus, Ohio.

Reno officials aren't sure whether the construction of shelters will eliminate the need for their tent city. The demand, they say, keeps growing. EVELYN NIEVES (AP)

Defense Says Police Were Out To Get Simpson

LAS VEGAS | Jurors who have been told to refrain from judging O.J. Simpson on his past heard a recording Thursday of a police employee exulting: "This is great. ... California can't get him. ... Now we'll be able to."

Police detective Andy Caldwell conceded the statement was



Simpson

made as a team of officers examined a hotel room where Simpson is accused of leading a kidnapping and armed robbery.

Defense attorney Gabriel Gras-

so asked Caldwell whether police were conducting "what's supposed to be an unbiased investigation."

He said they were.

"And they're prejudging him; 'They want to get Mr. Simpson?'" Galanter asked.

"I can't say what someone else is thinking," Caldwell said. (AP)

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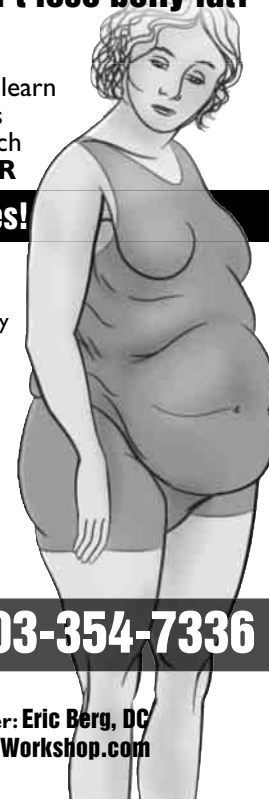
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Anat Cohen • National Museum of Women in the Arts, 7:30 pm

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Galveston Pleads for Time

Texas town implores residents not to return as cleanup continues

GALVESTON, TEXAS | There's a grocery store open for business on Galveston Island. Cell phone towers are connecting calls. More lights are coming back on at night.

But for all the little signs of recovery in this barrier island community thrashed by Hurricane Ike nearly a week ago, Galveston just "isn't ready" for residents to return. Not even for a quick look around at their battered homes and businesses, officials said Thursday as they pleaded for tens of thousands to wait at least another week before trying to come home.

"By staying away and being patient, you are making it possible for us to get you home in a week or so, instead of the months it would take if the city's infrastructure were more overwhelmed at this point," Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said.

The roughly 45,000 people who



Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Thursday urged Texans who evacuated before Hurricane Ike hit to not return to devastated areas such as Galveston until further notice.

fled Galveston Island are among the more than 1 million who evacuated the Texas coast as Ike steamed across the Gulf of Mexico. Gov. Rick Perry said 22,000 people are still living in more than 200 shelters.

Galveston Island remained closed, as did the worse-off Bolivar Peninsula, where the storm's surge washed entire neighborhoods into the sea. Search teams pulled out of both areas this week after sweeping

every house, authorities said.

Ike's death toll in the United States stood at 56, with 22 in Texas, and there was still the fear that more victims would be found.

"It's very much unknown," said Galveston County Medical Examiner Stephen Pustilnik. "There are large parts of the county that haven't been searched. Just like in [Hurricanes] Katrina and Rita, debris has to be sifted through." (AP)



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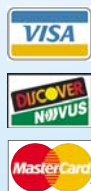
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The number of hours a donkey was sentenced to prison for stealing corn from a field belonging to an agricultural research institute in Egypt's Nile Delta, according to a report by Agence France-Presse Thursday. The donkey's owner was fined \$9.

In Brief



Relatives of inmates of La Mesa State Penitentiary hold a rally on Thursday.

TIJUANA, MEXICO Families Gather at Prison After Police Kill 19 in Riots

Hundreds of anxious families waited outside Tijuana's infamous La Mesa State Penitentiary for word on their loved ones Thursday after police fatally shot 19 prisoners to regain control of the facility. Wednesday's riot was the second deadly melee in three days at the prison just across the U.S. border from San Diego. About 12 people were injured Wednesday and two remain in critical condition, a public safety spokesman said. (AP)

LAGOS, NIGERIA Nigerian Militants Claim Attack on Oil Pipeline

Nigeria's main militant group said Thursday that it bombed another oil pipeline in the restive south. If confirmed, the attack would mark a sixth straight day of stepped-up violence in Africa's oil giant. The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta said in a statement that it used high explosives to destroy the conduit run by a unit of Royal Dutch Shell PLC. Shell officials could not immediately be reached for comment. (AP)

GENEVA CERN: Particle Collider Malfunctioned After Launch

The world's largest particle collider malfunctioned within hours of its launch, but its operator didn't report the problem for a week. In a statement Thursday, the European Organization for Nuclear Research reported for the first time that a 30-ton transformer that cools part of the collider broke, forcing physicists to stop using the atom smasher just a day after activating it last week. (AP)

7 U.S. Soldiers Die in Crash in Iraq

Military: Mechanical problem caused the helicopter to go down

BAGHDAD | A U.S. military official said a mechanical problem appeared to be the reason for a helicopter crash Thursday that killed seven American soldiers in Iraq's southern desert, the deadliest such incident in Iraq in more than a year.

The CH-47 Chinook was flying with three other choppers from Kuwait when it went down shortly

after midnight about 60 miles west of Basra, the military said.

The U.S. military relies heavily on helicopters to ferry troops, dignitaries and supplies to avoid the threat of ambushes and roadside bombs, and Thursday's crash highlighted the noncombat dangers facing Americans in Iraq.

In all, 70 U.S. helicopters have gone down since the war started in March 2003, according to military figures. Of those, 36 were confirmed to have been shot down.

Maj. John Hall, a military



A 2006 photo shows a Chinook helicopter. A similar one crashed on Thursday.

spokesman in Baghdad, said hostile fire had been ruled out in Thursday's crash and that the three other helicopters suffered no damage.

A Pentagon official in Washington said it appeared that the twin-engine transport aircraft had malfunctioned.

"They think it was a mechanical problem," the official said on condition of anonymity.

The military said the seven soldiers killed were the only ones on board the helicopter that crashed.

KIM GAMEL (AP)

CHINA | PRODUCTS SCANDAL FRUSTRATES PARENTS



CONSUMER CONCERN: A man carrying boxes of tainted milk powder registers for a refund in Shijiazhuang, China, on Thursday. Hundreds of Chinese parents have converged on the Sanlu company, which is at the heart of a scandal involving tainted baby formula that has been blamed for the deaths of four babies and sickening more than 6,000 babies.

Gates: U.S. Rethinking Strategy

Defense secretary says Bush administration mulls Afghan war aims

LONDON | In an echo of a time when things were going from bad to worse in Iraq, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday the Bush administration is reviewing its war strategy in Afghanistan amid spreading insurgent violence, rising U.S. and allied military deaths and doubts about winning.

With only a few months left before President Bush leaves office, the administration apparently is attempting to draw a clearer picture for the next commander-in-chief of what needs to be done to stabilize the country.

Any changes in strategy now being contemplated would not be as substantial as Bush's decision in January 2007 to take a fundamentally different approach in Iraq, Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said.

Gates did not say the current U.S. approach in Afghanistan is failing. He alluded, instead, to the 2007 makeover of U.S. strategy in Iraq and suggested that the administration is reconsidering fundamental aspects of its strategy.

ROBERT BURNS (AP)

Yemen Arrests 25 Suspects in Attack

SAN'A, YEMEN | The deadly attack on the U.S. Embassy may be a watershed moment in Yemen's on-and-off struggle with terrorism.

For years, the Yemeni government has let some al-Qaeda figures and other Islamic extremists go free in political deals hoping to keep them quiet. Now it finds itself having to confront a new generation of militants — younger and fresh from fighting in Iraq.



A man inspects a damaged car in front of the U.S. Embassy in San'a, Yemen.

Wednesday's assault on the gate of the U.S. Embassy by a half-dozen gunmen and two vehicles packed with explosives killed 17 people, including six militants.

After the bloodshed, police rounded up 25 suspected militants with ties to al-Qaeda, and an FBI team headed here to join the investigation.

There was no claim of responsibility Thursday, but suspicion focused on Osama bin Laden's terror network. PAUL SCHEMM (AP)

LETDOWN: Pope Benedict XVI, 81, will not attend an event in Mexico City in 2009 because the city sits too high above sea level for someone his age, a cardinal said Thursday.



World



Israeli Foreign Minister and newly elected Kadima party leader Tzipi Livni speaks to reporters in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Thursday.

Livni Seeks Allies' Backing

Israeli foreign minister needs ultra-Orthodox support to become PM

JERUSALEM | An ultra-Orthodox Jewish party run by an octogenarian rabbi who has said Hurricane Katrina was divine punishment emerged Thursday as the kingmaker in forming the next Israeli government.

Having won a fight to be leader of the ruling Kadima Party, Tzipi Livni now will likely need Shas as a partner to become prime minister. But Shas opposes any compromise on Jerusalem, and including it in a coalition could tie her hands in

peace talks with the Palestinians.

Livni's narrow victory in a party primary Wednesday to replace corruption-tainted Prime Minister Ehud Olmert as Kadima's chairman means she can become prime minister if she can put together a coalition government of her own.

Livni, now the foreign minister, has said she would like to keep the current four-party coalition intact.

Two of Kadima's partners, Labor and the Pensioners, aren't expected to balk. But Shas and its spiritual leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, are wild cards. The party holds 12 of parliament's 120 seats, enough to make or break the current major-

ity bloc of 67 lawmakers.

Livni had barely declared victory Thursday morning when Shas laid down its demands.

"If it's clear Jerusalem is on the negotiating table and social-economic needs are not taken into consideration, then we won't be part of the coalition," Shas spokesman Roi Lachmanovitch said.

Formal coalition negotiations won't begin until Olmert officially resigns and President Shimon Peres assigns Livni the task of forming a new government, which could happen next week.

But Livni said she would begin informal coalition negotiations immediately. **AMY TEIBEL (AP)**

Hundreds of New Species Found on Australian Reefs

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA | Marine scientists have discovered hundreds of new animal species on reefs in Australian waters, including soft corals and tiny crustaceans, according to findings released Thursday.

The creatures were found during expeditions run by the Australian chapter of CReefs, a global census of coral reefs that is one of several projects of the Census of Marine Life, an international effort to catalog all life in the oceans.

"People have been working at these places for a long time, and still there are literally hundreds and hundreds of new species that no one has ever collected or described," said Julian Caley, a scientist from the Australian Institute of Marine Science who is helping

to lead the research.

"So, in that sense, it's very significant in that if we don't understand what biodiversity is out there, we don't have much of a chance of protecting it," he said.

Scientists at several Australian museums have begun the complex process of working with the samples for genetic barcoding and taxonomy, the formal system of naming living things. That work is expected to take years, Caley said. **KRISTEN GELINEAU (AP)**

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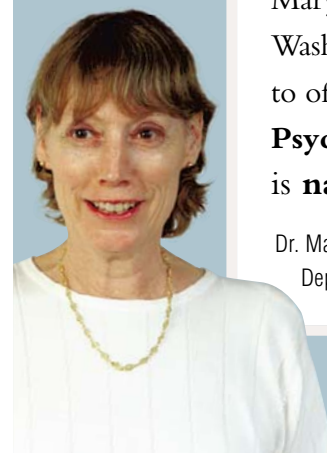
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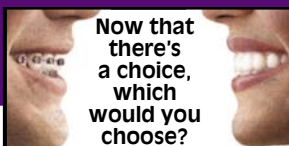
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Volunteers must be able to work from Oct. 15-Jan. 18, with a minimum of 16 hours per month, during museum hours, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 10:00-5:00 on Sunday. Please call 202/828-5471 for an application and more information. For more information about the exhibition, please visit: <http://collections.tepapa.govt.nz/exhibitions/whales/>

World



CHEW ON THIS: Romania's health ministry has banned the sale of unhealthy snacks including chips, candy and cookies from schools, in efforts to promote healthier lifestyles.

Mozart's Forgotten Music

French library finds previously unknown piece by composer

PARIS | A French library going through its archives has turned up a previously unknown piece of music by Mozart.

Ulrich Leisinger, head of research at the International Mozarteum Foundation in Salzburg, Austria, said Thursday there is no doubt that the single sheet was written by the composer and that it is "really important."

He described the work as the preliminary draft of a musical composition. He said it was found in a library in Nantes, France, as staffers were going through its archives.

Leisinger said the library contacted his foundation for help



DAVID VINCENT/AP

A French official holds a previously unknown piece of music by Mozart.

authenticating the work.

The sheet was bequeathed to the library by an autograph collector in the 19th century and was catalogued back then as part of the library's collection, he said.

But it was later "entirely forgot-

“This is absolutely new. We have new music here.”

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ten," essentially becoming lost to scholars for more than a century, and was rediscovered by the library only as it re-catalogued its archives in recent years. It was unclear what happened to the library's 19th-century catalog.

"This is absolutely new," Leisinger said. "We have new music here."

Circumstantial evidence suggests Mozart did not write it before 1787, Leisinger said. Mozart died in 1791. JOHN LEICESTER (AP)

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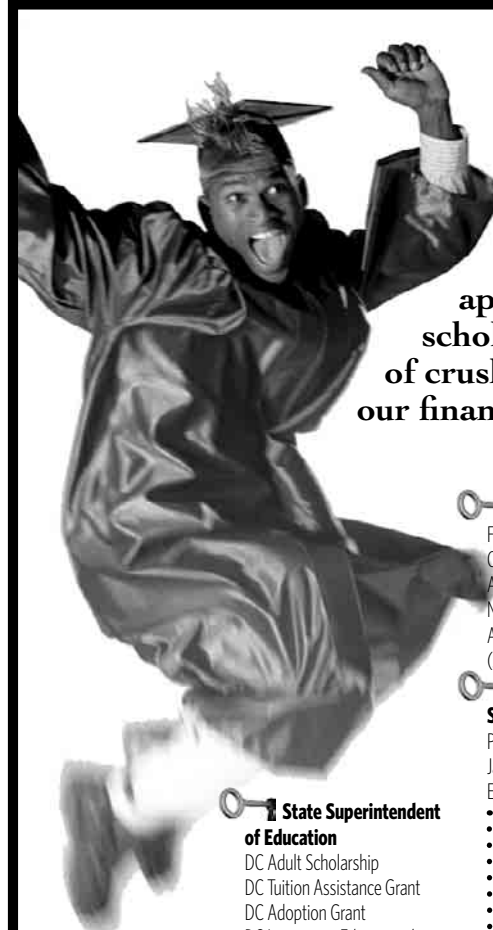


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Jail Death Ruled Homicide

Examiner says Md. killing suspect was strangled in his cell

Maryland's chief medical examiner has ruled that a 19-year-old suspect in the killing of a Prince George's County police officer was the victim of a homicide inside his county jail cell, law enforcement sources said Thursday.

Ronnie L. White was strangled with an unknown object, possibly a sheet, towel or the crook of an arm, according to the report, which lists asphyxiation as the cause of White's death, the sources say.

The report was delivered Thursday to State's Attorney Glenn F.

EXAMINER'S ASSESSMENT

The final report goes into more detail explaining the findings:

- A bone in White's neck — the hyoid — was broken. The U-shaped piece of bone and cartilage just above the Adam's apple helps form the airway.
- White also had a small amount of petechial hemorrhaging, or red marks left by burst blood vessels in the eyes and face.

Ivey's office.

The medical examiner's final report comes nearly three months after White was found June 29, unresponsive with no detectable

pulse, on the floor of his solitary confinement cell inside the county jail in Upper Marlboro. White had been arrested less than 48 hours earlier on charges that he ran down and killed Cpl. Richard S. Findley, a decorated county police officer.

Shortly after White was found, County Executive Jack B. Johnson announced that the medical examiner's office had issued a preliminary ruling that White's death was a homicide. He asked the Maryland State Police and FBI to take over the investigation and cast suspicion on county correctional officers, saying only a handful of employees, and no other inmates, had access to White's cell.

AARON C. DAVIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

MCLEAN, VA. | FORMER GOVERNORS FACE OFF



CLASH OF THE TITANS: Former Virginia governors Mark Warner, left, and John Gilmore debate before business and state leaders Thursday in McLean, Va. The two U.S. Senate candidates sparred for more than an hour during their second debate over taxes, foreign policy and what it takes to be a U.S. senator.

MLK Memorial Group to Seek Building Permits

WASHINGTON | The group working to build a memorial to Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington plans to apply for building permits after getting positive feedback on the project's overall design.

The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts said Thursday it still wants to review certain details, such as the sculpture's surface and the fonts that will be used to inscribe King's quotes in stone.

Architect Ed Jackson Jr. says the memorial group will apply for building permits next week.

The group must have its construction permits approved by Nov. 12. That's when its authorization from Congress expires. (AP)

The Lotteries

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Hot Lotto (Wed.)	8-12-16-28-35 (13)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	3-4-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-5-8
Mid-day Pick 4	3-7-6-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-9-7-5
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Lotto (Wed.)	9-27-31-34-40-42

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	2-1-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-4-3
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	1-7-4-5

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-7-4-5
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	2-3-19-26-27
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	14-16-17-19-34
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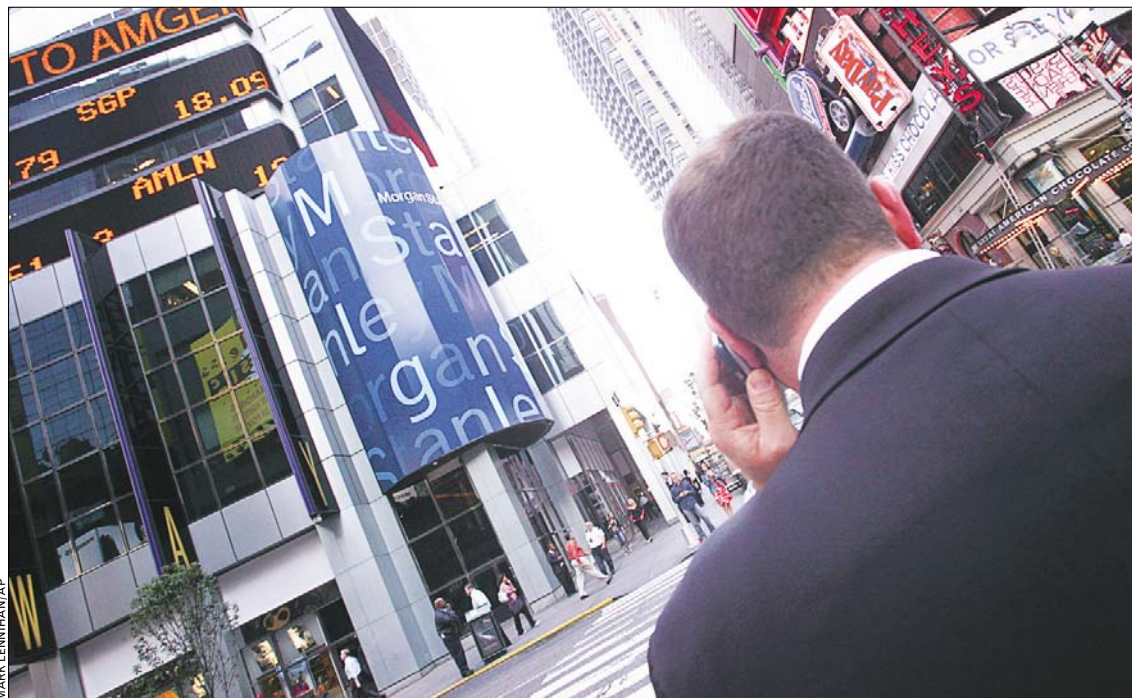
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Money



A man makes a call Thursday in front of Morgan Stanley headquarters, one of the major banks that is looking for fresh capital.

Banks Rush to Find Cash

Complete realignment
of financial sector is
moving at warp speed

NEW YORK | Wall Street entered another round of speed dating, with bankers representing Morgan Stanley and Washington Mutual scrambling to put together deals in the biggest realignment of the financial industry since the 1930s.

Once vaunted investment banks like Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch & Co. and Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. have lost their independence or been toppled at a breath-

taking pace. And for a time on Thursday, fears intensified that the spreading credit crisis threatened to drag down the remaining global financial institutions and Main Street banks alike.

Morgan Stanley, the No. 2 U.S. investment bank, is in talks with a number of potential suitors and investors to help it survive, according to people familiar with the situation who asked not to be identified by name because the discussions were ongoing.

Morgan Stanley has opened up talks on a number of fronts. Discussions are taking place with deep-

pocketed investors such as China's sovereign wealth fund and state-owned bank Citic Group, and the Singapore Investment Fund about a possible cash infusion, people familiar with the discussions said. There are also advanced negotiations with executives from retail bank Wachovia Corp., one person said.

Meanwhile, Washington Mutual, which has lost billions and seen its shares plummet due to subprime mortgage exposure, has hired Goldman Sachs to contact potential bidders — a list that includes Wells Fargo & Co., JP Morgan Chase & Co. and HSBC. **JOE BEL BRUNO (AP)**

N.Y. to Investigate Stock Short Sales

AG says he will be on
the lookout for illegal
activity on Wall Street

NEW YORK | New York state is launching an investigation into whether some traders used illegal tactics to drive down the stock price of several Wall Street firms.

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo told reporters Thursday his office has received a "significant number" of complaints about short



Cuomo

sellers, or investors who hope to profit by placing bets that a financial company's stock will fall.

Short-selling is not illegal. But Cuomo said he will focus on whether short sellers engaged in conspiracy or spread rumors and bad information to influence the stock prices of firms such as Lehman Brothers Hold-

ings Inc., American International Group Inc., Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Morgan Stanley, Bear Stearns and other firms that have been hammered in the ongoing financial crisis.

"I want the short sellers to know today that I am watching. If it's proper and legal, they have nothing to worry about," Cuomo said. "It is illegal, however, when such shorting is combined with the spread of false information in order to bring a company down." (AP)

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Sunday in The Washington Post



BRING THE MUSIC: A statue of Stevie Ray Vaughn stands in Austin, Texas — known as “The Live Music Capital of the World.”

Weird Weekend

A trip to Austin offers an eclectic mix of odd and fun adventures

IN TRAVEL | It may be time for Austin to dispense with its unofficial motto, “Keep Austin Weird.” How much encouragement is needed when it seems no one would want it any other way?

In just one weekend there, I was photographed with El Vez, the Mexican Elvis; had drinks next to a guy with an ostentatious mustache and the garb of a 1920s movie cow-

boy; was overcharged at not one but two fine establishments; and was befriended by people who cheerfully claimed to have done jail time.

Weird, right? But also, maybe, the best weekend trip ever. Not surprising, considering that Austin’s motto — this one is official — is “The Live Music Capital of the World.”

Austin’s nexus of weird and music is an area called South Congress, or SoCo. It’s lined with restaurants, stores and the occasional bar/venue. Chief among the last group is the Continental Club, founded in 1947

and now an official historic landmark. The place is an underwhelming open space with a long bar, but you never know what musical finds are to be had there. I stepped in for

for more ...

SUNDAY IN TRAVEL

Read more about Austin, plus a look at the wild western peninsula in Cornwall, England, and a nostalgic return to Woodstock.

IN The Washington Post

a free happy-hour performance of Redd Volkaert, best known, if at all, as a guitarist for Merle Haggard. The man could make a Telecaster do anything short of mixing a drink.

After an evening of rock or blues, you can head just down the sidewalk and upstairs to the Continental Club Gallery, a smaller space with live jazz and cocktails. It’s worth a walk to Antone’s, a club founded on blues. It’s a large stage in a room that has all of the character of a warehouse but boasts upcoming bills like Marc Broussard and Maceo Parker.

I checked in for the weekend right across from the Continental Club, in the Hotel San Jose, a charmingly spare hotel, with a courtyard where people gather for happy hour and the signature drink, a Michelada — beer spiced with lime juice, Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce and Tabasco.

If your taste is for shabby-chic, just down the street is the Austin Motel, opened in 1938 and, yes, with a motto of its own: “So Close Yet So Far Out.”

You won’t starve in SoCo. The area is a hotbed of hot stoves.

While Tex-Mex food is everywhere, South 1st Avenue has a concentration of authentic Mexican food. I was told I could spot Polvo’s by the jammed parking lot.

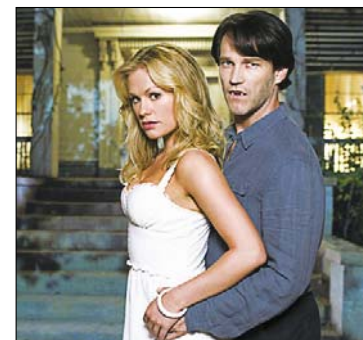
One the other side of SoCo is Curra’s Grill, whose street cred was confirmed, at least to me, by the presence of Texas political pundit Jim Hightower at a neighboring table. The queso is made with onions, spices and roasted chilies, which put it miles ahead of your common cheese goo. Be warned, the salsa is hot, hot, hot.

A large part of Austin’s charm is how friendly Austinites are. Strangers struck up conversations just walking down the street. One guy I kept bumping into had a peculiarity — asking repeatedly whether I was a police officer — but he and his girlfriend also invited me to sit with them in a restaurant, and he insisted on buying me a drink when he saw me at a bar. He even insisted on introducing me to his group of friends. “So,” I asked the group, “where did you guys meet?” “In jail,” one replied.

Great music, great food and friendly ex-felons. Since everything else in Austin seems to have a motto, I’d propose that endearingly eccentric SoCo adopt its from a T-shirt I saw: “Austin: We’re All Here Because We Aren’t All There.” ROY FURCHGOTT (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

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New Boss, Same Moss

Wide receiver proves himself in an offense built for bigger players

REDSKINS | You can draw up plays in the dirt or spend hours diagramming them for a 200-page playbook. Either way, the best players — when given the opportunity — will eventually find a way to change the game.

When new coach Jim Zorn came to Washington, the Redskins promptly drafted three athletic, big-bodied receivers because these guys were supposed to thrive in the West Coast system, where you moved the chains with short gains through the air as much as the ground.



New coach. New scheme. Same Santana Moss.

Moss put together a game reminiscent of his 2005 Pro Bowl season last weekend. He caught seven balls for 164 yards, including a 67-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter that sealed the Redskins' 29-24 win over New Orleans.

How long had he been thinking about making such a big, game-changing catch?

"About a week," he deadpanned. "When you prepare the way we've been preparing and had the success we do in practice, you can see it unfold in a game atmosphere," Moss said. "You know it's going to come up one day, and now that it's come up, you hope it's contagious."

Sunday's score made it five straight games with a touchdown for Moss, who had a 12-yard scoring reception in



CARD CARRIER

When the Cardinals have the ball, Washington will have to contend with quarterback Kurt Warner, a two-time NFL MVP who has Arizona at 2-0 for the first time since 1991:

→ Warner threw for 361 yards and three touchdowns in last week's win over Miami, a performance that earned him NFC Offensive Player of the Week honors. "There's no difference [between now and his MVP seasons]," Redskins defensive end Andre Carter said. "He's a play-maker, and he's hot right now."

week 1 against the Giants.

Opportunities have abounded for receivers in Zorn's new offense. Quarterback Jason Campbell has already thrown 63 passes this season, 13 more than he did the first two games of 2007.

While Moss has always been the Redskins' top deep target, the receiver has also shown he is a good option closer to the line. His fourth-down reception to seal the victory against the Saints was the type of play teams would typically call on a bigger-bodied receiver to make.

Moss said he was pleased with the new scheme so far, especially with the new wrinkles that allow for more action on the flanks.

"When you're a receiver, you don't just want to be out there just 'out there,'" Moss said. "It's a boring job if you're out there running around blocking all day not being one of the guys [Campbell is] looking for."

That big-play ability never hurts, especially with a quarterback who loves to air it out.

"He is running the deeper routes down the field very, very well," Zorn said. ERIC BRANDNER

COLLEGE SPORTS | One expensive shining moment The floundering economy could hit the NCAA Tournament. High fuel prices, decreased flight capacity and other travel-related fees resulted in championship travel expenses that were \$7.2 million higher in 2007-08 than the previous season, NCAA News reported. With another projected increase of \$6 to \$7 million in Division I travel expenses this year, all three divisions are looking into ways to respond to the increasing costs, including perhaps changing seeding and bracketing policies for the tournament. (EXPRESS)

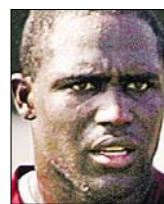


What to Watch For

WHEN THE CARDINALS HAVE THE BALL:

WR Anquan Boldin vs. CB Shawn Springs

Face it: The Cardinals are not a running team. Yes, Edgerrin James has added a little bit of respectability to the running game the last couple years, and Arizona



Springs

has focused on improving its offensive line in recent years. But with guys like Anquan Boldin, right, and Larry Fitzgerald as your wide receivers, why run the ball? The Cardinals have taken that attitude in the first two weeks of the season, passing for 270 yards per game and running for just 95. Last week against the Dolphins, Boldin had 140 yards receiving and Fitzgerald had 153. And that was in a game in which they were winning the entire time (by a lot). If you're not going to run the ball up by double digits against the Dolphins, when are you going to run it? It was hard to pick one of Arizona's two very talented receivers to highlight, but Boldin gets the nod because of his three TD catches. "Boldin is very strong, very commanding," Redskins coach Jim Zorn said. "For as big as he is, he can get out of breaks really quick."



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WHEN THE REDSKINS HAVE THE BALL:

RB Clinton Portis vs. DT Darnell Dockett

The Cardinals may not run for many yards, but they can be run against. They held Ricky Williams to just 28 yards last week, but that's Ricky Williams. Frank

Gore put up 96 yards on the ground (plus 55 yards receiving out of the backfield) in Arizona's week 1 win over the 49ers. Clinton Portis has put up nearly 90 yards in each of the first two weeks. And after publicly criticizing his offensive line last week, Portis got into the end zone for two touchdowns last week against the Saints. Portis is still one of the most talented backs in the league, and no matter what he says, the Redskins' old but beefy line still knows how to open up holes. Dockett has been a starter for Arizona ever since being drafted five years ago, but last year he really made his mark, finishing the season with 58 tackles and nine sacks. He's a talented defensive lineman who can cause trouble from the middle of the line.

IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

X Factors

→ Cardinals DE Bertrand Berry

The 33-year-old has a sack in each of his first two games of the season, beating this year's No. 1 overall draft pick, Jake Long, last week. Berry had a 14.5-sack season in 2004, his first year with the Cardinals, but has struggled to stay healthy, playing in just 27 games in the three seasons since then. There is no question that when healthy, Berry has the potential to be a difference-maker. He is getting old, but so is left tackle Chris Samuels, who is just two years younger.



→ Cardinals QB Kurt Warner

Warner has been outstanding in the first two weeks of the year. He has thrown for 558 yards and four touchdowns, hasn't turned the ball over and has helped the Cardinals go 2-0. But that was against the Dolphins and 49ers. We know Warner, who has thrown more than 35 TDs twice in his career, can be good. But we also know that the same Warner threw 17 interceptions and fumbled 12 times in 14 games last year. So, we're not convinced he'll keep up his torrid pace.

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Davin Meggett is brought down at the 1-yard line after a 38-yard run against Cal.

Terps' Meggett Makes a Mark

Freshman could get more carries this week vs. Eastern Michigan

TERPS FOOTBALL | Davin Meggett didn't figure on playing much as a true freshman.

If he was lucky, he thought, maybe he'd get on the field a little and plant the seeds for future playing time at tailback.

"My expectations were I'd come in and contribute a couple plays a game just kind of in a relief-type role," Meggett said. "I just wanted to come in and help the team out."

When the season began, Meggett was behind promising sophomores Da'Rel Scott and Morgan Green on the depth chart. But Green was slowed by an injury in camp, and his inability to practice frustrated coaches.

Meggett, the son of former NFL standout Dave Meggett, moved up to second string, and in the season-opening win over Delaware he had seven carries for 52 yards and a touchdown.

After only two carries for two yards in a loss to Middle Tennessee State, opportunity knocked again Saturday against California when Scott left the game early in the second half with a shoulder injury.

The 5-foot-8, 210-pound Meggett had runs of 11 yards and eight yards to set up a Darrius Heyward-Bey touchdown catch. Then in the fourth quarter, he busted a 38-yard run to the 1-yard line before

pounding it in for what proved to be a decisive touchdown. He finished the game with 13 carries for 82 yards.

Scott leads the team with 407 rushing yards this season, but he was still feeling the effects of last week's shoulder injury this week, and Maryland coaches and players were tight-lipped about how much, if at all, he'll play Saturday against Eastern Michigan.

GET A KICK OUT OF SOMEONE
Through three games, Maryland kicker Obi Egekeze has missed all five of his field-goal attempts:

→ After the senior missed a 27-yard field goal last week, coach Ralph Friedgen had seen enough. The coach opened up competition for the job. As the days wore on, however, sophomore Nick Wallace had not been able to separate himself from Egekeze. Though the competition was to last through the end of the week, Friedgen seemed likely to give another shot to Egekeze, who last season connected on 17 of 23 field goals.

But if Meggett has to carry the load this week, so be it, said offensive coordinator James Franklin.

"He's proven that he can do it," Franklin said. "Would you like a little more experienced guy in there play in and play out? Yeah, you would. But he's a big kid, he's a conscientious kid, he's a smart kid. I'm pretty confident he'll get the job done." DEREK TURNER

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CARDINALS (PLUS 4) AT REDSKINS

CARDINALS
Unlike the Saints, the Cards are hot and healthy heading into the game.



COWBOYS (MINUS 3) AT PACKERS

PACKERS
Aaron Rodgers is good; Cowboys have a Monday night letdown.



JETS (PLUS 9) AT CHARGERS

JETS
Does anyone really think Norv Turner is the guy to rebuild a team's confidence?



STEELERS (PLUS 3) AT EAGLES

EAGLES
Never has a team been more impressive losing than Philly at Dallas.



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The Jaguars are too banged up to compete. Look for Addai to get going.



BROWNS (PLUS 2) AT RAVENS

RAVENS
The Browns could end up as one of the most overrated teams this year.

REDSKINS
I'm hoping my luck will change after picking the home team for the first time.

COWBOYS
If this were the NFC championship game (i.e. January), I would go the other way.

JETS
Even if the Chargers don't lose in the final seconds, the Jets will cover.

EAGLES
I'm more confident that DeSean Jackson blows this pick for me.

JAGUARS
The Jags haven't looked good, but the Colts haven't been able to blow teams out.

BROWNS
The fact that the Ravens are favorites is a joke.

REDSKINS
If there's one thing we know, it's that Jim Zorn doesn't lose in Landover.

COWBOYS
Rapidly approaching "never bet against" status — at least until the playoffs.

JETS
Let's see, Favre versus Norv. I'll take Favre.

STEELERS
Willie Parker seems to have a good grasp on where the end zone begins.

JAGUARS
Clearly the best 0-2 team in the NFL.

BROWNS
Despite the fact that Baltimore should be extremely well-rested.

REDSKINS
Kurt Warner's 1999-like numbers take a hit against a pretty good defense.

PACKERS
This won't be easy for the Cowboys against a good team in a tough venue.

CHARGERS
The Chargers are too good to lose three straight, and the officials owe them a call.

EAGLES
Three points for the home field seems about right for the battle for Pennsylvania.

WINNER
A team that depends on the run can't lose this many offensive linemen.

BROWNS
Even this early, a must-win for Cleveland.

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Leaders Wanted at Ryder

Harrington, Mickelson both shy away from commanding roles

GOLF | Call Phil Mickelson and Padraig Harrington the reluctant leaders of this Ryder Cup.

Though Harrington and Mickelson have rather unimpressive records at golf's grandest team event, both are three-time major champions. Harrington even has won the last two, his victories in the British Open and PGA Championship making him the hottest player on the planet, at least until Tiger Woods recovers from knee surgery.

They are the logical candidates to carry their teams this weekend.

But don't expect either of these guys to take charge, give stirring speeches or rally their teams at Valhalla Golf Club, even with Woods watching from home.



Padraig Harrington says he will leave the leadership to teammate Sergio Garcia.

A seasoned veteran on an American team with six rookies, Lefty took a pass on leadership and instead deferred to U.S. captain Paul Azinger, who won't swing the club at all this weekend.

"My only responsibility is to play

well," Mickelson said. "I think Captain Azinger has been a wonderful leader for us. He's been a great captain and given us great direction."

Harrington is hoping to put the finishing touches on a magical season. After Woods won the U.S. Open, then had surgery on an ailing knee, the Irishman stepped in to fill the void as the world's top player.

But he, like Mickelson, has yielded to a teammate, leaving Sergio Garcia as the most likely emotional leader for the defending champion Europeans.

"Hopefully, I'll lead by example this week and by approaching the game the right way," Harrington said. "Not allowing myself to get too high or too low in the course of matches." PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Welcome to the first round of the Southeastern Conference survivor series. The conference with five teams in the top 10 has a lot of tough games. The picks:

→ **NO. 3 GEORGIA** (MINUS 7) at **ARIZONA STATE**. The last time the Bulldogs played a nonconference game outside Georgia was 2003 ... **GEORGIA, 42-21.**



Les Miles' defending national champs get their first tough test against Auburn.

→ **NO. 4 FLORIDA** (MINUS 7.5) at **TENNESSEE**. Now is an especially good time for Phillip Fulmer to beat Urban Meyer for the first time. Tennessee is desperate for a quality win ... **FLORIDA, 38-24.**

→ **NO. 6 LSU** (MINUS 2.5) at **NO. 10 AUBURN**. With struggling offenses and killer defenses, the first to 13 wins ... **AUBURN, 13-10.**

→ **NO. 9 ALABAMA** (MINUS 9.5) at **ARKANSAS**. Bobby Petrino versus Nick Saban. The loser **MUST** honor his current contract ... **ALABAMA, 28-21.**

→ **TROY** (PLUS 21.5) at **NO. 13 OHIO STATE**. Oh no! Not more Trojans! ... **OHIO STATE, 40-17.**

→ **NO. 18 WAKE FOREST** (PLUS 4) at **NO. 24 FLORIDA STATE**. Wake's Demon Deacons go for three in a row against the Seminoles ... **WAKE FOREST, 27-24.**

RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Only in D.C. Is A Punter a Story

THE ONLY THING more embarrassing than drafting a punter is having to cut said kicker because he couldn't make the cut.

Nobody knows this better than Redskins executive VP Vinny Cerrato, which is why two weeks into the season there is a punter controversy in the nation's capital.

The guy Cerrato drafted was so bad last week against the Saints that memories of Derrick Frost bring back warm, fuzzy thoughts.

Frost, aptly named considering the reception he received in Washington, was the butt of many a joke. The jeers were well-deserved. He did just enough to infuriate fans and coaches alike, but not enough to be cut in three years under Joe Gibbs.

Cerrato got caught with his pants down long before Chris Cooley ever did.

Sick of it all, Cerrato used a sixth-round pick last April on Durant Brooks, who was college football's best punter. An "open competition" was held at training camp.

It was there that Cerrato got caught with his pants down long before Chris Cooley ever did.

By any measure, Frost (45.5 yards-per-kick average) outperformed Brooks (42.8) in the pre-season. But the switch to Brooks was a fait accompli.

For some inexplicable reason, punting appears to be different in the pros; college's best is so deep in the doghouse that Cerrato stalked Brooks' moves at practice Wednesday. Is the hook looming?

Only here, a rare spot where Jeff Feagles never landed, could the punter position drum up interest. Yet only in D.C. is there a person so misguided as to draft a punter.

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Last, but Not Lost

Cellar-dwelling Nats' effort even in losses is a reflection on Acta

NATIONALS | The most significant argument for Manny Acta's enduring job security was easily visible on Wednesday night. And the Washington Nationals didn't even win.

After taking the first two games in a four-game set with the New York Mets, the Nationals got a poor start from right-hander Shairon Martis in his third major-league game. They found themselves trailing 7-1.

But in sharp contrast to the defeatist attitude that so often permeates ball clubs who are flirting with 100 losses, Acta's Nationals did not roll over, even against a Mets' strong lineup. Washington cut the lead to 8-3 and then 8-5.

The Mets scored again in the eighth, but the Nats scored twice in the bottom of the ninth and had the tying run at the plate when Luis Ayala, the Mets' fifth pitcher of the night, struck out pinch hitter Roger Bernadina to end the game 9-7.

"I like the way we swung the bats," Acta said. "I like the way we went about our business."

Few can fault Acta for the Nationals' last-place finish. Every opening day starter has missed significant time because of injuries. The would-be ace of the rotation, Shawn Hill, and the closer, Chad Cordero, barely played this season.



Cristian Guzman tries to tag out Brian Schneider during Washington loss to the Mets.

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That the club has remained competitive against teams in the play-off race — the Nats also won two of three against Philadelphia earlier this month — is a feather in the manager's cap.

Certainly, Washington's faults were on display Wednesday, too.

The Nationals, who play their penultimate home series this weekend, twice ran themselves out of innings with blunders on the base paths.

But players remain firmly behind the manager, saying his coaching remains fresh in their minds as game No. 162 nears.

"I know he feels happy that we're still playing hard," said catcher Wil Nieves. "He likes that from a player, just play hard and give 100 percent. Then whatever happens, whether we lose or win, it's going to happen. He just asks you to play hard and it doesn't matter who we're facing."

DEREK TURNER

New Raven Debuts vs. Familiar Foe

New lineman brings veteran experience to young Baltimore 'O'

RAVENS | Willie Anderson will experience a new sensation against a familiar foe Sunday.

Anderson knows all about facing the Cleveland Browns, arguably his most hated rival when he played right tackle for the Bengals. But for the first time in his 13-year career, Anderson will pull a Ravens jersey over his shoulder pads before confronting the Browns.

Released by the Bengals before



Offensive lineman Willie Anderson played for 12 years with the Bengals.

the season because he refused to take a pay cut, Anderson signed a three-year, \$11 million contract with the Ravens on Sept. 5. The four-time Pro Bowler sat out the

opener because he wasn't acquainted with the playbook, but he got an extra week to study when Hurricane Ike postponed Baltimore's game in Houston last week.

Anderson has blended in well with the Ravens, perhaps because he respected them and they admired him. After banging helmets against each other for 12 years, both sides are happy to be working for a common cause.

"I've had two weeks to kind of get settled in, learn the ins and outs of this offense, meet my teammates and see the city a little bit," Anderson said. "It's been a good transition." (AP)



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Entertainment Weekend

Reality Check

Unscripted shows shine at the Emmy Awards due to strike

TIFF | For reality television, this weekend's Emmy ceremony promises heady and unprecedented attention.

For the Writers Guild of America, scant months from a bitter strike that fought and failed to unionize so-called unscripted programs, the star billing is salt in a wound.

The show will be hosted by five hosts from hit shows including "American Idol" and "Deal or No Deal," and the emcees are competing in a new category honoring their work. For the first time, a reality-made celebrity — Lauren Conrad of "The Hills" — will be a presenter. And she and another reality-made star, "Project Runway" winner Christian Siriano, are creating gowns for the so-called "trophy girls."

Emmy organizers point out that the genre has established itself as a popular and vital part of TV and deserves its due, and that the 60th annual ceremony airing on ABC is celebrating television as a whole.

The writers union concedes the point but says the focus stings.



PEEKABOO: Heidi Klum is one of five reality TV personas hosting Sunday's Emmy Awards. She'll join Tom Bergeron, Howie Mandel, Jeff Probst and Ryan Seacrest.

"I hesitate to call it an irony so much as an injustice," said Patric M. Verrone, president of the Writers Guild of America, West.

When the Emmy hosts, including Jeff Probst ("Survivor") and Heidi Klum ("Project Runway"), take the stage, their duties on the guild-covered ceremony will include "reading what somebody writes" under WGA contract pay and benefit terms, Verrone said.

"But when the hosts go back to their day job, they will be reading copy where writers don't get writing credit, much less benefits."

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which bargains for the studios, has maintained its opposition to the guild's demand for blanket jurisdiction over reality shows.

"I understand television celebrating something that's become prime-time's bread and butter. I'm a sucker for 'Survivor' and 'Beauty and the Geek,'" said Ron Osborn, whose credits include "The West Wing."

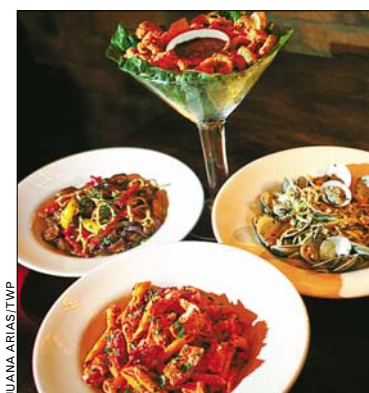
But, Osborn added, writers have been "tremendously hurt by reality."

"Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner also draws a sharp distinction between respecting the breed and asserting that it employs people who deserve guild protection.

"Anybody who thinks those shows aren't written, whether by editors or writers, is fooling themselves," he said. "It's an illusion that they're just filming what's happening." **LYNN ELBER (AP)**

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The Hunchback of Ultra-Lame

An original cartoon concept falls flat in its comedic timing

SILLY | Dr. Frankenstein himself could not revive "Igor," an animated comedy about a hunchbacked lab assistant playing at mad scientist.

A potentially original premise and an eager voice cast led by John Cusack and Molly Shannon are left to decay amid a clunky story vaguely reminiscent of "Monsters, Inc." and

a clutter of cartoon images often resembling visuals rejected from "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride."

It all starts with an introduction by Igor (Cusack), one of the unsung lab gofers who help the kingdom of Malaria's demented inventors come up with diabolical creations.

King Malbert (Jay Leno) came up with a new industry — EVIL — and he holds an annual competition to find the nastiest monsters, machines and doodads to extort cash from the rest of the world.



Just curious: Who would win in a wrestling match of Igor, left, vs. Quasimodo?

After Igor's crazy master (John Cusack) snuffs himself in an experiment gone bad, the hunchback seizes the opportunity to become a mad scientist himself by creating a behemoth terror of a woman (Shannon) out of spare parts.

The trouble is his beast calls herself Eva, would never hurt a fly and dreams of becoming an actress.

Too bad "Igor" is empty of laughs. Where's the torch-wielding village mob when you need it?

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Has anyone actually been to the H Street Festival? Is it like Adams Morgan Day, or is it something totally different?

It's similar, but the scale is smaller. The vendor presence is not as dense. Look forward to getting "brunch" at the Pug and checking out a set by local hip-hop should-be-stars trio the Package.

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Gervais Gets Ghoulish

British actor stars in a romp in which he's nagged by ghosts

EERIE | "Ghost Town" is a great idea that doesn't have very far to go.

A guy dies for seven minutes while under anesthesia, and then when he comes back to life, he sees dead people. And they see him, and talk to him, and follow him around Manhattan all day nagging him to help them with their unfinished business so they can go off to the great beyond in peace.

They come from all time periods and backgrounds: a nurse, a police officer, construction workers, an elderly couple, even a naked guy. Naturally, the one the ghosts flock to hates people, dead or alive, and

so he dreads the company.

This is a perfect fit for Ricky Gervais, whose brand of humor ("Extras" and the British version of "The Office") mines laughs from the moments in life that make you cringe: the awkward pauses, the uncomfortable asides. His character, Bertram Pincus, became a dentist specifically because he'd never have to talk to people — just shove cotton and sharp tools in their mouths to shut them up.

But you can wander down this comic road for only so long; once you've run through a few sight gags, you have to go somewhere else with this old-fashioned, high-concept premise. Unfortunately, director and co-writer David Koepp heads toward sticky sentimentality — and that's not nearly as good a fit



THE DEAD OF NIGHT: In "Ghost Town," Gervais' character is pestered by spirits.

for Gervais. The way in which the ghosts find closure, and the visual effect that accompanies that moment, is too cheesy.

It's as if Koepp and his writing

partner, John Kamps, have created two separate movies and jammed them together. (Actually, "Ghost Town" almost feels like a romantic comedy do-over of Koepp's 1999

thriller "Stir of Echoes," starring Kevin Bacon as a man who sees a ghost after being hypnotized.)

Greg Kinnear brings his usual wit and confidence to the role of Frank Herlihy, a cad who was having an affair when a bus struck and killed him (he's eternally stuck in the tuxedo he was wearing to a party the night he died). Frank befriends Bertram, much to the dentist's dismay, and offers to keep all the other ghosts at bay if he'll just do him a favor: Keep his widow, Gwen (Tea Leoni), from marrying a false and flashy businessman he thinks is wrong for her.

Some supporting players also have memorable moments in only a few scenes, namely Kristen Wiig from "Saturday Night Live" as the deadpan doctor who botches Bertram's colonoscopy.

Then again, finding happiness is what "Ghost Town" is all about. Too bad Bertram — and the movie — were more enjoyable in their misanthropy. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

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Neighborhood Watch

Samuel Jackson is a suburban terror in 'Lakeview Terrace'

UH-OH | You could argue that all Neil LaBute movies are horror movies. Whether it's "In the Company of Men," "Nurse Betty" or "The Shape of Things," someone always ends up being tormented and terrorized in some way. And the victim is usually a woman.

But in "Lakeview Terrace," the director takes his first real stab at the genre, if you will ("The Wicker Man" doesn't count, because it was a remake and because it was just so awful). And with this story of a psycho-cop who tries to run off his new next-door neighbors, you wish he would have just given into the B-movie instincts of the material and not have tried to make "Lakeview Terrace" about something important.

As an overzealous Los Angeles police officer, Samuel L. Jackson certainly seems ready to head down such a schlocky road. He is, after all, the one who triumphed over all those



Just a guess, but it doesn't look like Jackson is asking Wilson about gas mileage.

[expletive] snakes on that [expletive] plane. But LaBute, working from a script by David Loughery and Howard Korder, is trying to probe the dangers that lurk within a supposedly safe suburbia by making a statement about race relations. It's "Unlawful Entry" meets "Crash" — you can almost hear the pitch meeting.

Jackson's Abel Turner is a strict, single father of two who patrols his cul de sac as thoroughly as he works his beat. When racially mixed newlyweds move in next door — Chris (Patrick Wilson), who is white, and Lisa (Kerry Washington), who is

black — he turns more prickly.

Wilson, who also played the seemingly good guy in "Little Children," effectively keeps things low-key even as Jackson's eyes bulge and he busts out that maniacal laugh.

But any early goodwill gets obliterated by the over-the-top ending. When Abel says to Chris during his nightly patrols, "Not everybody up here is somebody you'd want to live next door to," it's just one of many occasions to beat us over the head with the obvious. And that comes long before a single gunshot.

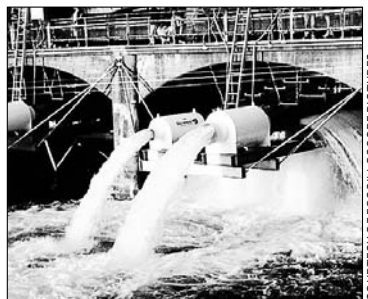
CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

A Gush-Worthy Flick

'Flow' focuses on a potential source of global conflict: water

THIRSTY | As if we didn't have enough to worry about, the quietly apocalyptic "Flow" makes a good case that what's going on with our planet's water supply should make you very, very afraid. Any film that begins with a bleak W.H. Auden quote ("Thousands have lived without love, not one without water") is not going to be a ray of sunshine in anyone's life.

Made over a five-year period by director Irena Salina, who went all over the world and talked to an impressive list of experts, "Flow" (which also stands for "For Love of Water") is a smartly done, involv-



This photo makes our bladder feel full.

ing look at a number of interrelated water issues.

For one thing, it seems that the planet is simply running out of water, which, given our dependence on it, is not a good thing. "We have wars going on over oil," one of the film's authorities says. "Water can be oil all over again."

Also a problem is that as a soci-

ety we are terminally polluting what water we have. "Flow" opens with a shot of India's Ganges, kind of the poster image for polluted water, and it tells us that water-born diseases kill more people annually than either AIDS or wars.

It turns out, however, that these kinds of problems are not limited to the developing world. Rocket fuel seems to have made its way into some American water systems, and herbicides such as Atrazine, banned in the European Union, are still in wide use over here.

One of "Flow's" most intriguing segments concerns bottled water, the alternative of choice for society's prosperous but a liquid that turns out to be less regulated than what comes through the tap. KENNETH TURAN

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

In Haiti, kompa singer Sweet Micky

is a legend, an entertainer whose incredibly danceable songs are filled with political commentary and biting satire delivered in his native Haitian creole. Not everyone loves him — especially those who find themselves or their political

parties targeted in the meringue-like rhythms — but there's a reason that Michel "Sweet Micky" Martelly is known as "President Kompa." Although he had a scene-stealing appearance on Wyclef's "Carnival" album, his fame outside the Haitian diaspora is limited. He's appearing Saturday night at **ZANZIBAR**, where he hasn't performed in more than seven years.

SUNDAY

I don't even know how **THE SALSA ROOM** is supposed to withstand the star power of La India (aka, the Princess of Salsa), but if you're one of the smart folks getting those pre-sale tickets, you'll have an experience to talk about for years to come. La India's career is packed with achievements that have touched the heights of the jazz, Latin and dance worlds and that make the hearts of Puerto Ricans swell with pride.

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BABYLON A.D. (PG-13, 90 minutes)

Somewhere in this mess is a thriller, but it got lost in the translation from a French novel. The film is in English, but not in any coherent way. Vin Diesel stars as a mercenary named Toorop in this futuristic yarn spun in a war-ravaged world. He lives in Russia, having lost his U.S. citizenship. There are a number of impressive visuals, and Diesel, as usual, is fun to watch, but the film is a train wreck. (JH)

BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R, 100 minutes)

Nicolas Cage, with weird hair and eyeliner, plays a loner hit man in this remake of the 1999 Thai film of the same title, again directed by the Pang brothers. The hit man tells us in an early voice-over that he prides himself on having no personal life. Uh-oh. In Bangkok to do hits for a local mob boss, he hires a 20-something pickpocket (Shahkrit Yamnarm) to do errands and lets



MACALL POLAY

WORTH IT: Going to see the Coen brothers' "Burn After Reading": \$10. George Clooney making that face: priceless.

himself grow fond of the guy. Next, he falls in love with a deaf cashier (Charlie Young) at a pharmacy. This lowering of defenses brings trouble. With minimalist dialogue and sharp action sequences, the movie holds our interest, but its heavily noirish style risks self-parody. (JH)

BOTTLE SHOCK (PG-13, 103 minutes)

Perhaps the film should have been called "The Grapes of Froth," because it tells such a happy story: how the vintners of Napa Valley won the blind tasting known as the Judgment of Paris in 1976 and put their little piece of California paradise on the world wine stage for all time. What a movie: booze, Alan Rickman and really cool pickup trucks. (SH)

BURN AFTER READING (R, 96 minutes)

CIA analyst Osborne Cox (John Malkovich) is told that he is being demoted and transferred, in part because he has a drinking problem. Outraged, he quits, retreats to his posh Georgetown rowhouse to have a drink and tell his wife (Tilda Swinton), who is throwing a party for Sandy and Harry Pfarrer (Elizabeth Marvel and George Clooney). Harry is having an affair with Mrs. Cox. Osborne,

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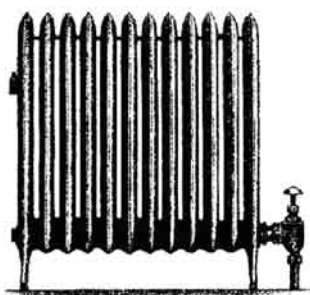
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a yacht-owning Princeton alum who's convinced he's the smartest guy in town, reacts to his career crisis by dictating his memoirs. These wind up at Hardbodies Gym and in the hands of dense personal trainer Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt) and his upbeat colleague Linda Litzke (Frances McDormand), who demand a little from Cox for the return of his classified material. Oh, the high-octane cast works hard. But there's nothing to suggest anybody off camera tried that hard, which is fatal to a Coen brothers outing. (NEELY TUCKER)

THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13, 152 minutes) Heath Ledger's performance is a subtle, nuanced piece of acting so powerful it banishes all memories of the handsome Aussie behind it. He's supple of body and expressive with only his eyes, and his voice has undulations of irony and mockery and psychopathology. But when the Joker is absent, the film loses most of its energy and becomes nothing but a pretty-boy face-off between Christian Bale (Batman) and Aaron Eckhart. (SH)

DEATH RACE (R, 89 minutes) It may not be possible to make a film with less plot and more action without catalyzing some drastic change in the whole form, like add-



CLAUDETTE BARIUS

BURBERRY, SMALL DOG: Annette Bening is all class (and 'tude) in "The Women."

ing that disastrous last dollop of butter to a delicate French sauce. If a movie could drag its knuckles on the ground, this one would leave eight little tracks in the sand. The film, starring Jason Statham as an ex-con, is supposedly based on the 1975 cult favorite "Death Race 2000," which involved a savage cross-country road rally in heavily armored cars. It isn't so much a movie as a superheated, highly conductive substance for the pure transmission of masculine aggression. (PK)

DISASTER MOVIE (PG-13, 90 minutes) This is the latest juvenile attempt by writers/directors Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer to milk laughs out of the formulas used in their "Scary Movie," "Date Movie" and "Epic Movie." The thread that tries to bind together all of the short comedy ideas has All-American Will (Matt Lanter) trying to get to his girlfriend (Vanessa Minnillo) when the end of the world starts. He's joined on his quest by Calvin (G. Thang), who

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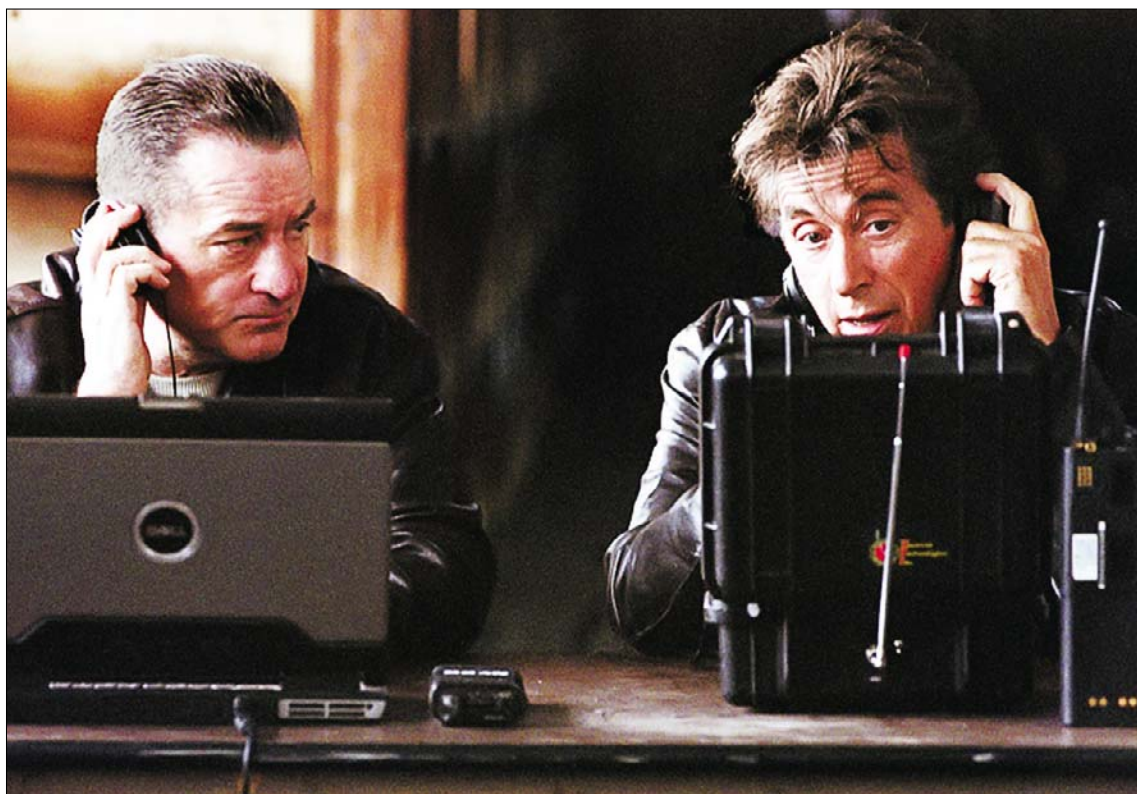
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DYNAMIC DUO: Well, they used to be. Robert De Niro and Al Pacino have slowed down considerably in "Righteous Kill."

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has less acting abilities than a coma patient. Why would anyone pay to see material they have been able to watch for free for years? (MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS) **FLY ME TO THE MOON** (G, 90 minutes) The first animated movie created specifically for the 3-D format, "Fly" boasts knock-your-socks-off visuals. If only the story lived up to the special effects. Nat, IQ and Scooter (voices of Trevor Gagnon, Philip Daniel Bolden and David Gore) are juvenile houseflies with big dreams, fueled largely by the tall tales of Nat's grandfather (Christopher Lloyd), who rode with Amelia Earhart during her solo transatlantic flight. Boys being boys — even when they're the size of raisins — they sneak onto the 1969 space-craft carrying Neil Armstrong and crew to the moon. Needless to say, something goes wrong. (MO)

FROZEN RIVER (R, 97 MINUTES) As Ray Eddy, a single mother of two living in a trailer in upstate New York, Melissa Leo delivers a tough, utterly mesmerizing performance as a woman whose desperation to do right by her kids sends her on a journey all the more astonishing for being so believable. Abandoned by her husband, a compulsive gambler, and ignored for a promotion at the dollar store where she works, Ray crosses paths with Lila (Misty Upham), who lives on the nearby Mohawk reservation. To earn quick money, Lila persuades

Ray to drive illegal immigrants across a frozen river, which won't get them into trouble as long as they stay on the rez. It comes as no shock when events spiral out of the women's control. Leo and Upham effortlessly convey the subtleties of their characters' tentative friendship, but "Frozen River" is at its best when it captures the lengths to which parents will go for their kids — and what they ask of them. (AH)

HAMLET 2 (R, 92 minutes) This dazzling little comedy seems, at first glance, to be having a lot of fun with the stock figures of the high school musical and inspirational teacher flicks. But Noah Sapperstein, a diminutive, ninth-grade drama critic played by Shea Pepe, quotes French literary critic Roland Barthes and all but begs you to take the film seriously as social commentary. Sapperstein's devastating reviews target Dana Marschz (Steve Coogan), a hapless man-child and talentless actor spinning out the tail end of his high school drama fantasies into incipient middle age. (PK)

HOUSE BUNNY (PG-13, 98 minutes) Anna Faris plays Shelley, who has just aged out of her right to residency at the Playboy Mansion. She's 27 ("59 in Bunny years!"). And she will never realize her lifelong dream — to be a centerfold. So, poor Shelley is homeless — until she recognizes her tribe, wandering into another mansion. But she can't become a shallow, dizzy sorority girl without enrolling. She can, however, become house mother to the Zekes, the lowliest sorority on campus. This film from the Adam Sandler fun factory starts with

a series of obnoxious, dated stereotypes and never quite flips them into something positive. (ORLANDO SENTINEL)

THE LONGSHOTS (PG, 94 minutes) Jasmine Plummer (Keke Palmer) lives in the little town of Minden, Ill., and has no interest in sports. Her father is absent, and so she needs adult supervision when her mother (Tasha Smith) takes on extra hours at the diner. Jasmine's disreputable uncle Curtis (Ice Cube) is enlisted to look after her in the afternoon. When he realizes that she has a natural throwing arm and that the local Pop Warner football team is in desperate need of a quarterback, he pushes her to try out. The rest of the story follows the familiar formula closely but not slavishly. The film works so well because the sports elements are the least important. And in a time when so many movies throw in so much casual profanity, it's heartening to see one where the characters are able to express themselves honestly and forcefully without cursing. That attitude earns the film a solid recommendation for all audiences. (MM)

I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND (R, 118 minutes) An extravagant, visually stunning feast of sensory delights, Jiri Menzel's winsome comedy, set in World War II-era Prague, pirouettes along a beguiling but treacherous line between horror and whimsy. Jan Dite (Ivan Barnev) wants only one thing in life: to be a millionaire. The film chronicles with sumptuous detail his picturesque journey from pub to brothel to world-

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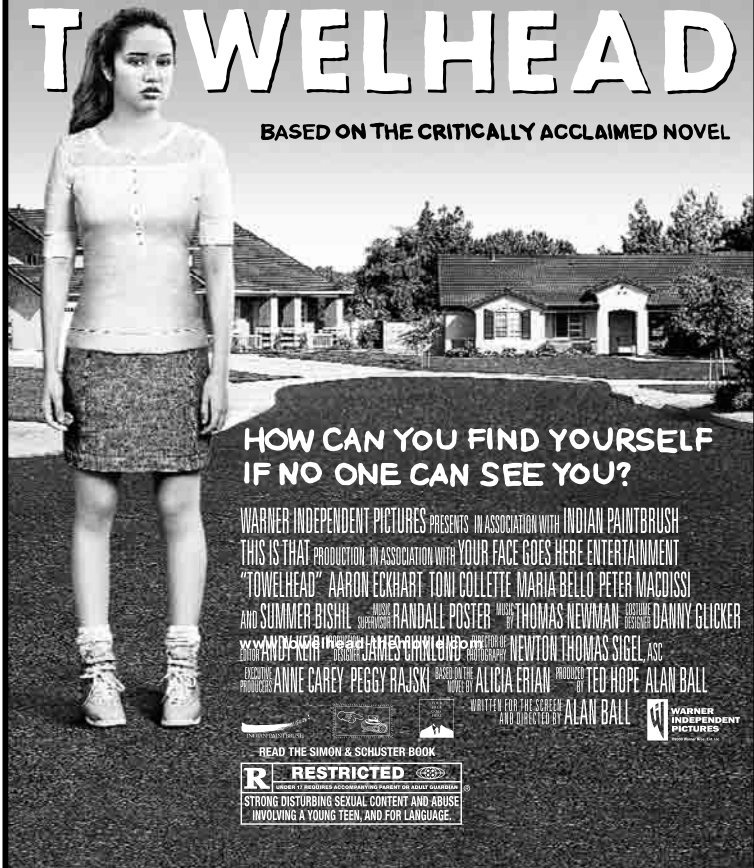
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class hotel in Prague. As Jan comes up in the world, he turns a blind eye to the historic changes swirling around him. Jan narrates his story as a grown man (Oldrich Kaiser), having endured the consequences of his younger, callow self's dubious choices. His ethereal air of disconnection from the grubby realities of life begins to feel like something far more sinister as history raises the stakes. By one of the film's final scenes, it's clear that reflection, if not moral reckoning, is at hand. When it finally arrives, viewers could be forgiven for wondering whether it's entirely earned. (AH)

MAMMA MIA! (PG-13, 103 minutes) The brassy, bawdy musical presents itself as a piece of clever counter-programming to this summer's surfeit of pounding, effects-driven comic-book movies. But filmgoers are likely to feel just as bludgeoned, in this case, by an Abba-bomb wrapped in a huge turquoise-colored feather boa. That's not to say that fun isn't to be had; Streep is a wonderment, belting her way to another winning performance. (AH)

MAN ON WIRE (PG-13, 94 minutes) This documentary opens with a grainy black-and-white reenactment of the events of



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Aug. 7, 1974, when French high-wire artist Philippe Petit and a group of friends famously pulled off a coup at the newly built World Trade Center. The participants narrate what's happening on-screen, and the story takes on the taut urgency of a thriller. (AH)

THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13, 113 minutes) Tiresome and messy, director Rob Cohen waters the film down to globs of plot, strung between shapeless action sequences and humorless repartee. Archaeologist/tomb-raider Rick O'Connell (Brendan

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PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R, 113 minutes) Judd Apatow's latest production stars co-writer Seth Rogen as loser Dale Denton, a process-server with a girlfriend

who's still in high school and a lifestyle that revolves around two things: getting wasted and staying wasted. When Dale witnesses a brutal crime, he runs straight to his dealer, Saul (James Franco), and soon the two are on the lam from corrupt police, a cold-blooded drug kingpin and members of a ruthless Asian gang. (AH)

RIGHTEOUS KILL (R, 100 minutes) What director Jon Avnet wants to get at is what all good veteran-cop movies get at: the acidic erosion of a good man's soul from long years of dealing with malice and murder and unpunished cruelty. When Turk (Robert De Niro) and Rooster (Al Pacino) investigate the brutal murder of

a young girl by a thug who skates on the indictment because of false testimony, Turk, a simmering pot of hostility, plants a gun on the child killer and sends him away to someplace cheerful like Attica. Doing the wrong thing for the right reason: your standard moral complication. But now a vigilante serial killer is ramping justice up a notch. Someone is out there blowing away the pimps, the smirking rapists and the child molesters who are eluding prosecution. There has to be a twist in these kinds of things, and there is, although this one is not particularly twisted. (NEELY TUCKER)

STEP BROTHERS (R, 93 minutes) Brennan Huff (Will Ferrell) and Dale Doback (John

C. Reilly) are capital-L losers who live with their single parents, who then meet, fall in love and a few weeks later get married. Thus Dale and Brennan meet and immediately hate each other. (SH)

TROPIC THUNDER (R, 111 minutes) In this rude, crude, over-the-top satire about rude, crude, over-the-top action movies, Ben Stiller makes an ambitious and surprisingly effective bid to skewer Hollywood's darker excesses. The movie-within-the-movie, the eponymous "Tropic Thunder," is an adaptation of a Vietnam War memoir by Four Leaf Tayback (Nick Nolte). He's played by Tugg Speedman (Stiller), whose

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LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13)
(I) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
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11:30 AM
BURN AFTER READING (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10:10
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)
11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)
(I) 11:45, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:05, 7:00, 7:35, 9:45, 10:20
THE WOMEN (PG-13)
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12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15
FROZEN RIVER (R)
12:55, 3:20, 5:35, 7:55, 10:10
TRANSSIBERIAN (R)
1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
BOTTLE SHOCK (PG-13)
2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55
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1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00
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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)
12:30, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13)
1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
TRAITOR (PG-13) 2:45, 7:30
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R)
12:30, 5:10, 9:55
THE LONGSHOTS (PG)
12:00, 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20, 10:25

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3:05, 5:10, 7:25, 9:25
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3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
THE WOMEN (PG-13)
2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

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4:45, 7:10, 9:30
TRAITOR (PG-13)
5:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE WOMEN (PG-13)
4:00, 7:00, 9:40
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)
5:15, 7:45, 10:05
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12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20
IGOR (PG)
11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R)
11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
MAN ON WIRE (PG-13)
1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
TRAITOR (PG-13) 2:45, 7:30
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R)
12:30, 5:10, 9:55
THE LONGSHOTS (PG)
12:00, 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20, 10:25

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GHOST TOWN (PG-13)
10:15, 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 8:00, 10:00
BURN AFTER READING (R)
10:05, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND (R)
(R) 9:45, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 9:55
THE WOMEN (PG-13)
10:00, 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13)
9:55, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:50, 9:50
FROZEN RIVER (R) 12:15, 4:45, 9:20
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THE GROCER'S SON (NR)
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
TELL NO ONE (NR)
1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40
TOWELHEAD (R)
1:35, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
FLOW (NR)
1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:04
BATTLE IN SEATTLE (R)
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
A GIRL CUT IN TWO (NR)
1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55
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11:35, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
***IGOR (PG)**
12:05, 2:15, 4:25, 7:10, 9:20
***MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R)**
(R) 11:45, 2:35, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50
***TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)**
11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00
***RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)**
11:50, 2:20, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45
***THE WOMEN (PG-13)**
11:40, 2:25, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
THE LONGSHOTS (PG)
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THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13)
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DIGITAL 3D
FLY ME TO THE MOON 3-D (G) (10:05 @ \$8), 2:25, 7:00
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG)
12:15, 4:35, 9:20

GHOST TOWN (PG13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40
IGOR (PG) (10:50 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) (10:15, 10:40 @ \$6), 12:50, 1:30, 3:40, 4:20, 6:30, 7:10, 9:20, 10:00, 12:10, 12:35
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) (10:50, 11:35 @ \$6), 1:25, 2:10, 4:05, 4:50, 6:50, 7:35, 9:25, 10:10, 12:05
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) (11:30 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:20, 3:00, 5:05, 5:45, 7:40, 8:20, 10:15, 11:10
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) (10:50 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:15, 5:55, 8:20, 11:10
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (10:20, 11:00, 11:40 @ \$6), 1:20, 2:00, 2:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:40, 7:20, 8:00, 8:40, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00, 11:40, 12:20
THE WOMEN (PG13) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:25, 7:05, 9:55
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) (11:10 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:05
TRAITOR (PG13) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:15, 5:55, 8:25, 11:05
DEATH RACE (R) 12:35, 5:40, 10:45
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
TROPIC THUNDER (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:30, 11:15
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) 3:05, 8:10
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:30

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SPACE STATION 3D (NR-NOT RATED) (10:35 @ \$9), 2:25, 6:35

DIGITAL 3D
FLY ME TO THE MOON 3-D (G) (11:45 @ \$8), 2:15, 7:05
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) 4:25, 9:25

GHOST TOWN (PG13) (11:15 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55, 12:00
IGOR (PG) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15, 11:30
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) (10:30, 11:20 @ \$6), 1:15, 2:05, 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15, 12:05
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) (11:35 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 10:00, 12:10
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) (10:05, 11:50 @ \$6), 12:35, 2:20, 3:05, 4:50, 5:35, 7:20, 8:05, 9:50, 10:35
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (10:10, 10:45 @ \$6), 12:50, 1:30, 3:35, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45
THE WOMEN (PG13) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:55, 6:40, 9:20
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) 12:05, 2:30, 7:40, 10:10
TRAITOR (PG13) 5:00
DEATH RACE (R) (10:15 @ \$6), 4:10, 10:20
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) (11:25 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50
MY BEST THUNDER (R) 12:00, 2:35, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25
TROPIC THUNDER (R) (10:00, 2:35, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 12:45, 6:35

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GHOST TOWN (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15, 10:50
IGOR (PG) (10:05 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45, 11:55
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) (11:10 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:20, 12:55
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55, 12:25
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) (10:15, 11:15 @ \$6), 12:45, 1:55, 3:20, 4:30, 6:00, 7:20, 8:40, 10:00, 11:15, 12:20
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 12:00, 1:20, 2:40, 4:05, 5:20, 7:00, 8:05, 9:40, 11:00, 12:30
THE WOMEN (PG13) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:40, 10:25
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) (9:55 @ \$6), 2:45, 7:50, 1:00
BABYLON A.D. (PG13) 12:20, 5:15, 10:35
TRAITOR (PG13) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50, 12:35
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) (10:25 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45
TROPIC THUNDER (R) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10, 12:45
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 12:55, 7:05

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LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:20

THE WOMEN (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
MAMMA MIA! (PG13) 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45

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DIGITAL 3D
FLY ME TO THE MOON 3-D (G) 4:05, 6:15, 8:25
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG)
(11:25 @ \$8), 1:40, 10:35

GHOST TOWN (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30
IGOR (PG) (9:50 @ \$6), 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30, 11:40
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) (9:30, 10:45 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:20, 2:40, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:40, 11:00, 12:20
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) (9:40 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) (10:05, 11:15 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:30, 5:25, 7:05, 8:20, 9:35, 10:55, 12:00
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (9:45, 11:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 1:35, 2:55, 4:15, 5:45, 7:20, 8:30, 9:55, 11:15, 12:30
THE WOMEN (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) 5:40, 8:05, 10:35
BABYLON A.D. (PG13) 12:25, 5:20, 10:10
DISASTER MOVIE (PG13) (9:55 @ \$6), 2:50, 7:50, 12:25
TRAITOR (PG13) (11:35 @ \$6), 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) (9:55 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10, 12:25
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) (10:20 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:10
TROPIC THUNDER (R) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:20, 5:55, 8:25, 10:50
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) (9:35 @ \$6), 12:55, 4:10, 7:30, 10:45

AMC SELECT
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LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
THE WOMEN (PG13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00

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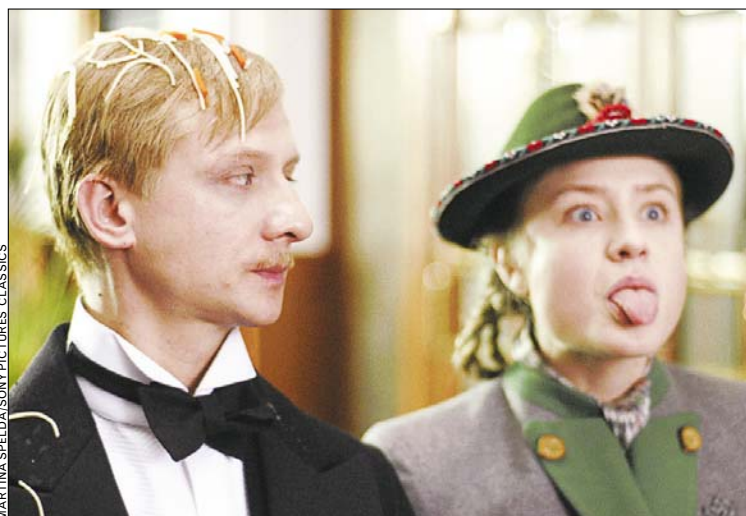
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HAPPILY SLAPSTICK: Ivan Barnev, left, stars in "I Served the King of England."

Now Playing

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most critically acclaimed performance so far has been as a developmentally challenged farm boy in "Simple Jack." Speedman's co-star is five-time Oscar winner Kirk Lazarus (Robert Downey Jr.), who has undergone a "pigmentation augmentation operation" to play his black character. (AH)

TRAITOR (PG-13, 114 minutes) Once again, there are terrorists in our midst, and, once again, they are Muslims, hiding in sleeper cells, waiting to cause mayhem. Heroic action is needed. To save us from the terrorists? More pressing, to save us from such films as this long-winded thriller, starring Don Cheadle as a conflicted Muslim who is either an undercover U.S. operative, a ruthless killer or both. (PK)

TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13, 111 minutes) Charlotte Cartwright (Kathy Bates), a construction-company magnate, is friends across class and color lines with Alice Pratt (Alfre Woodard), a hardworking cafe owner. They're both single moms and matriarchs at this point, naturally, and each have their hands full with their now-adult children. Charlotte's only son, William (Cole Hauser), is an ungrateful little snot who expects to be promoted at the company because Mom owns the joint. He's also a husband with a wandering eye who offers a "position" to the ambitious (and hot!) Andrea Pratt (Sanaa Lathan), Alice's daughter. The problem is, Andrea's married to the good-hearted but not so bright Chris (Rockmond Dunbar), who works construction on the Big Man's site and dreams of setting up his own little company. Woodard imbues Alice with such heart, warmth and genuine affection that it is likely you will leave the the-

ater remembering her smile, which is a lovely thing. (NEELY TUCKER)

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13, 96 minutes) Life is still meaningless, but this time we get the message from Spain's two best (and best-looking) actors, Javier Bardem and Penélope Cruz, who play Juan Antonio and Maria Elena, two divorced painters who have driven each other to attempted homicide. Their explosive relationship is reignited by Scarlett Johansson, who enters their lives as Cristina, an American spending her summer in Barcelona. (DAN ZACK)

WALL•E (G, 97 minutes) Set in a future in which the only wildlife is the cockroach, "WALL•E" refers to our hero: a Waste Allocation Load Lifter, Earth class. He has been left behind to toil — meanwhile, humankind has been traveling through space for 700 years waiting for Earth to regenerate. The human race has been reduced to obesity, sloth and interactive video screens. This is not the Enchanted Forest. It's too plausible for that. (JA)

THE WOMEN (PG-13, 114 minutes) This remake of George Cukor's sparkling 1939 all-female comedy set in New York City falls flat at every turn. Given its cast, which includes Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Eva Mendes, Cloris Leachman and Bette Midler, this is nothing short of amazing. Ryan plays Mary Haines, the girl next door living in blissful ignorance of her husband's infidelity. Bening stars as Mary's best friend, Sylvia Fowler, Rosalind Russell's role in Cukor's film. Bening has been given the broadest, sitcom laugh lines. But she doesn't go for laughs. She wants to be loved. (PK)



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SHADES OF 'GREY'S': Hoping to erase "The Women" as quickly as possible from our minds, Jada Pinkett Smith has signed on to star in and produce "Time Heals," a TNT pilot about a single mother and nursing director with a tough exterior and a heart of gold.

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

WHERE'S THE RUM GONE?

Johnny Depp stars in the 2006 sequel **PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST** (8 p.m., Fri., USA).

AND THEY FIGHT DINOMAN!

Robert Rodriguez ("Spy Kids") directs the 2005 adventure **THE ADVENTURES OF SHARKBOY AND LAVAGIRL** (8 p.m., Fri., Disney).

DR. LIVINGSTONE, I PRESUME?

Aidan Quinn and Nigel Hawthorne star as adventurer Henry Stanley and missionary David Livingstone in the 1997 made-for-TV epic **FORBIDDEN TERRITORY: STANLEY'S SEARCH FOR LIVINGSTONE** (9 p.m., Fri., ION).

DOES HE WEAR A BEAR SUIT?

On two episodes of **THE GRIZZLY MAN DIARIES** (Animal Planet, Fri.), an earthquake (9 p.m.) and Treadwell mourns the loss of a fox pup (9:30 p.m.).

HE HAS ISSUES

On **20/20** (10 p.m., Fri., ABC), Diane Sawyer interviews actor Alec Baldwin, the



DOPPEL-TAYLORS: Taylor Dooley and Taylor Lautner in "Sharkboy and Lavagirl."

Emmy-nominated star of "30 Rock" who can't seem to avoid controversy.

WHERE DID SHE GO?

Keller vanishes on **STARGATE ATLANTIS** (10 p.m., Fri., Sci Fi).

BOMBSHELLS

Jay Leno hosts Brooke Shields and Dolly Parton on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., Fri., NBC).

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL VII

Disney presents a dance-along version of **CAMP ROCK** (8 p.m., Sat., Disney), including brief vignettes of the stars offering a few pointers and encouraging viewers to come up with new dance moves.

PLUS DINOSAURS

Cutter returns to find the world intact except for Claudia's absence on the sec-

ond-season premiere of **PRIMEVAL** (9 p.m., Sat., BBC America).

THAT'S WHERE SECRETS HIDE

Thora Birch stars in the 2006 thriller **DARK CORNER** (9 p.m., Sat., Sci Fi).

LIMITLESS UNDYING LOVE

A loosely told tale of the 1960s provides the backdrop for 33 adaptations of songs by the Beatles in the 2007 musical **ACROSS THE UNIVERSE** (9 p.m., Sat., Starz).

PINEAPPLE HOST

James Franco hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., Sat., NBC), featuring musical guest Kings of Leon.

CARTOON PARODY

Having conquered nightclubs, comedy albums, television, movies and Broadway, Mel Brooks has produced an animated adaptation of his 1987 cult parody **SPACEBALLS** (5 p.m., Sun., G4).

WANNABE LEADERS

60 MINUTES (7 p.m., Sun., CBS) celebrates its 40th anniversary with an hour dedicated to interviews with presidential candidates Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama. It'll be broadcast in HD for the first time.



LUCY IN THE SKY WITH DIAMONDS: Evan Rachel Wood in "Across the Universe."

TV GETS AWARDS?

As awards shows go, the **EMMY AWARDS** (8 p.m., Sun., ABC) gets little respect, least of all from the TV community it honors. Tom Bergeron, Heidi Klum, Howie Mandel, Jeff Probst and Ryan Seacrest will share the hosting duties. Hey, where's the dude from "The Bachelor"?

HE NEVER DRINKS WINE

Bill warns other vampires off Sookie on **TRUE BLOOD** (9 p.m., Sun., HBO). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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People's Poet

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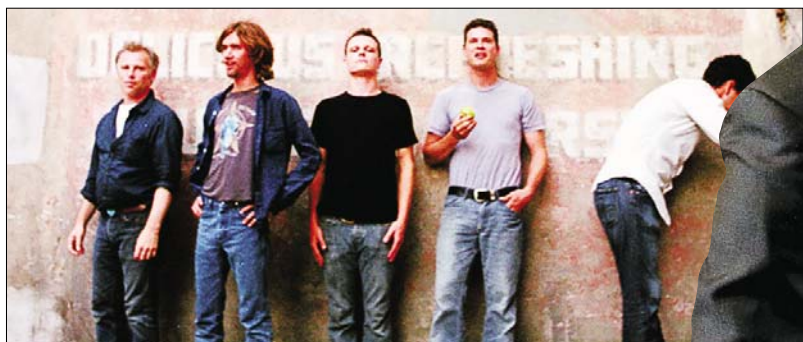
→ *Busboys and Poets*, 2021 14th St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., suggested donation \$5-\$20; 202-387-7638. (U St.-Cardozo)



Listen, Love

Folks who keep up with the D.C. music scene have been hearing Benjy Ferree's name and his tunes a great deal in the past two years. It's most likely because his compositions are original in that, you know, he writes them and that there's something decidedly fresh and ear-catching about them. In addition, he has a mean set of pipes on him — there's the aforementioned folky thing, but Ferree also throws a little blues in there when he needs to. That's when things start to get wild. *k.e.*

→ *Iota*, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sept. 21, 8:30 p.m., \$10; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)



5 Tried and True

Old Crow Medicine Show is straight country. They're twangy, they're sassy, they're from Nashville and they show respect to the old-school artists by nicely incorporating old-school style. Read: There's a fiddle, two banjos and a dude strumming an upright bass involved. *k.e.*

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sept. 19 & 20, 7 p.m., \$25; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

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A Band 14 Times the Size of Greenland

Watching Chopsteeth is an experience. It feels huge and tribal, and the fact that there's a small army producing the African rock in your ears doesn't hurt. Afrobeat may seem like a '70s

throwback, but Chopsteeth keeps it modern while retaining that thrilling vibe of protest that the genre was founded upon. Yeah, the music has been Americanized (really, what hasn't?), but a little reinvention never hurt anything. Except Coke. And "Star Wars." But this is good, I promise. *f.z.*



→ *Black Cat*, 1811 14th St. NW; Sat., 9 p.m., \$15; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

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Big Bopper

If Eli "Paperboy" Reed actually delivered newspapers in the wee hours, his customers would be in for a rude awakening. His sound is part '50s sock-hop, part Apollo flamethrower and part bluesy porch-rocker — but all soul. His ballads will transport you to a happy, contemplative place — until he lets those pipes rip with a scorching yelp. Get on down to the Rock and Roll Hotel to hear the sounds of yesteryear come alive with the electricity of a new millennium. The Ambitions and the Jones open. *k.e.*

→ *Rock and Roll Hotel*, 1353 H St. NE; Fri., 9:30 p.m., \$10, \$12 at the door; 202-388-7625.

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MICHAEL TEICHMANN/TWP

Eat Well to Help Those Who Can't

MANY AMERICANS struggle with the question of giving back — how can we juggle helping others with our fast-paced jobs? And with all the leisure activities we enjoy? Share Our Strength, an organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger, has found a way to marry the two.

The Great American Dine Out is a nationwide campaign that recruits restaurants — both chain and independent — to contribute a portion of their profits to Share Our Strength from Sept. 21 to 28. Several D.C. favorites have jumped on the charity wagon. That's where your appetite and wallet come in.

If you've been meaning to try Rasika (633 D St. NW, 202-637-1222), now is the time. It's tough to go wrong, but seafood appetizers, the savory chaats and any of the lamb entrees (the roganjosh, particularly) are all a sure thing.

Also participating are Dino (3435 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202-686-2966) and Sushi-Ko (2309 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202-333-4187). The former is solid, rustic Italian. The pappardelle ai cinghiale (pasta with wild boar) and pollo al girarrostro (a succulent rotisserie half-chicken) are definite palate pleasers. The latter is, in our opinion, the best affordable Japanese food in town. All the maki roles are tasty, but the small plates are the reason to go. Order the crab cakes and salmon ceviche and thank us later.

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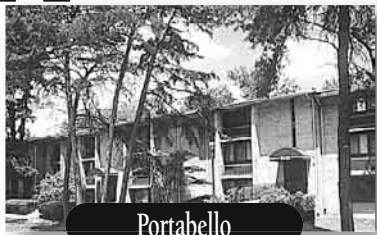
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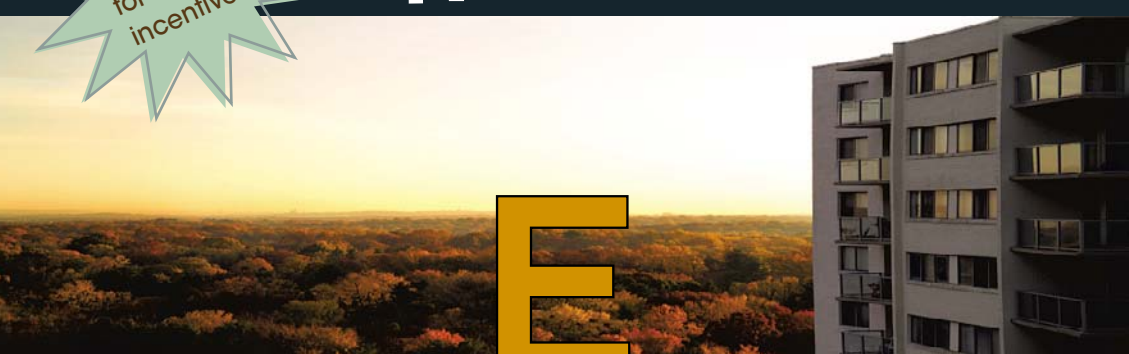
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Dogs

Chihuahuas may be popular movie stars, but they're feisty pets

Most of us would be excited to see our best friend in a movie, but Linnie Bunten has mixed feelings about "Beverly Hills Chihuahua."

"I'm looking forward to the movie, but I'm not looking forward to the result," says Bunten, head of breed rescue for the Chihuahua Club of America.

Sadly, she speaks from experience. Whenever a Chihuahua has been featured in entertainment in the past, it's been followed by a spike in the number given up by people who didn't realize what they were getting into.

It's easy to fall in love with movie stars, especially when the stars are perfectly trained by professional handlers like the glitzy darlings in Disney's Oct. 3 release.

“They will challenge every other dog regardless of size. That can be suicidal.”

KATIE GREER, CHIHUAHUA TRAINER

Remember, the dogs are playing roles. The real-life personalities of various breeds might not be what you expect. In the case of Chihuahuas, don't think the lap dogs will be laid-back just because they're small. Read the breed standard carefully, particularly on temperament.

Chihuahuas are feisty, independent and driven, but because they're little, people treat them differently. That can mean trouble.

To start, says Bruce Shirky, president of the Chihuahua club, people

tend to be "grabby" with small dogs. Most of us have the sense not to reach out for a strange Rottweiler, but it's hard to resist the desire to hold something cute and tiny.

Combine that with the fact that Chihuahuas tend to become attached to one individual, meaning they're not terribly friendly to strangers, and don't be surprised if your little cutie defends itself vigorously.

Their size combined with their assertiveness can get them into trouble with other dogs, too.

"They will challenge every other dog regardless of size. That can be suicidal," says Katie Greer, who spent 15 years training Chihuahuas in the sport of agility.

Cute But Cunning

Early socialization and training are critical to keep potential aggression in check. Unfortunately, owners have a tendency to neglect training with small dogs, a big mistake in a breed with the Chihuahua's temperament.

In addition, Shirky advises, don't carry your dog in a purse, which just increases the risk that someone will reach for it and get bitten.

"Chihuahuas are famous for being tyrants, because people don't treat them like dogs," says Greer, of Balch Springs, Texas.

Their drive and intelligence make them great for agility training, which involves a complex race course over different obstacles, but they can be a problem for many owners. In training, "you have to be smarter than the Chihuahua, and you have to convince the Chihuahua that it was the Chihuahua's idea. This is not a tiny golden retriever."

Neglect of training may even extend to housebreaking, because a

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TINY POOCH, ENORMOUS PERSONALITY: Linnie Bunten holds her Chihuahua, Maggie, at her home in San Antonio, Texas.



Wendy, a longcoat Chihuahua, takes a rest while on a walk with other Chihuahuas.

small mess may seem easier to tolerate at first, then fray an owner's nerves over time. Many Chihuahuas are given up to rescue groups for this reason, Bunten says.

If "small" makes you think "good for apartments," be aware that Chihuahuas are excellent watchdogs but your neighbors may not appreciate

the barking and your carpets might not appreciate the terrier-like love of digging.

Chihuahuas aren't generally recommended for families with small children. Along with their size, a soft spot on the top of the head that they're born with, like human babies, never closes in some

adult dogs.

If you're up to the challenge of a Chihuahua, a rescue group is a great place to start. You'll be dealing with people who know the breed, and the personality of an adult dog is already clear.

If you want a puppy, Shirky advises, buy local so you can make sure it's being socialized properly from the beginning. The litter should be raised in a high-traffic area of the house and have lots of visitors.

And be wary of the description "teacup." There's no accepted definition of the term. Particularly small pups have more health problems and tend to live very shortened lives.

Chihuahuas' fans agree that the smart, funny and loyal dogs can be a handful — but that's what they love about them.

"The world is theirs — they own it, and they allow other people to come into it," Greer says. "They make me laugh when I see them out-thinking me." LINDA LOMBARDI (AP)

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STAGE

Beyond Welfare

Waiting in a welfare line can be a dehumanizing experience. Writer and actor Nia Orms addresses the welfare system with her NAACP Award-winning one-woman show "Please Take a Number" at the Atlas Performing Arts Center through Sunday. John Murph interviewed the multitasking Orms. | ONLINE NOW



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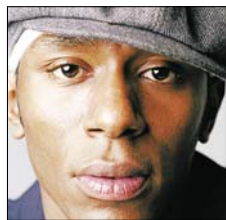
Runway Jury

A bevy of pink elephants were on parade in this week's episode of Bravo's "Project Runway." What does that mean? You'll have to find out via Arion Berger's "Runway Jury" blog, where week after week she breaks down all the cool dresses and hot messes. | ONLINE NOW

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All the major articles from our newspaper's weekly entertainment supplement, Weekend Pass, are posted online at Expressnightout.com. So, log on to catch up with features on Mos Def, the Great Grape Festival, the dance duo Eiko Otake and Koma Otake, and many more. | ONLINE NOW



comment board

Obama by default.

At least he has a plan. McCain is veering wildly back and forth on the economy."

COMMENTER PHILIMUS, WHO ADDED, "ALL [MCCAIN]'S GOT IS A PROPOSAL FOR YET ANOTHER USELESS COMMISSION."

Right now, Obama's

more taxation and bigger government would kill any chance of recovery. I like McCain's approach better."

COMMENTER ANOTHER PERSON, WHO ADDED, "LET PEOPLE EARN AS MUCH AS THEY CAN, KEEP MORE OF THEIR MONEY, AND REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING."



"I can't believe that this isn't a no-brainer for people! McCain said, without any reservation, 'I don't know too much about economic issues.' He also said many times that the economy is strong."

COMMENTER STEVE IN DC, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WHICH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HAS A BETTER PLAN TO FIX THE ECONOMY?"

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Blog LOG

"[The question] gets asked more in D.C. because you're a lot more likely to get an interesting answer."

ARESEVEN.COM HAS A DIFFERENT TAKE ON WHY PEOPLE ARE SO BIG ON THE "SO, WHAT DO YOU DO?" QUESTION IN SOCIAL SITUATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, ASIDE FROM THE NOTION THAT EVERYONE IN THE CITY IS A "CAREERIST [IDIOT]."



MARYLOU TOUSIGNANT/TWP

"They have an awesome mascot that represents one of nature's noblest beasts, and their administration wants to throw it away."

BLOG.GEORGETOWNVOICE.COM, A GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY BLOGGER, THINKS GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY'S PLAN TO GET RID OF THE HIPPO IS "THE WORST DECISION IN GW HISTORY."



"ALTHOUGH MAYBE the most horrifying things we've ever seen, the Legos are for some reason uncannily recognizable, and one can only imagine the fun they'll have frolicking in Lego mansions and rehab centers."

JEZEBEL.COM ISN'T QUITE SURE WHAT TO THINK OF LEGO'S NEW AMY WINEHOUSE FIGURE, ADDING, "HERE'S EXACTLY WHAT YOUR SMALL CHILD SHOULD BE PLAYING WITH."

"If pizza is high-quality, a mere slice of cheese is delicious. If pizza is mediocre, I understand the need to add toppings. But I have news for you, pepperoni: You ain't all that and a bag of chips."

SOGOODBLOG.COM DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SO MANY PEOPLE DEFAULT TO PEPPERONI AS A PIZZA TOPPING CHOICE.

Discussions

Eco-Friendly Food

JEANIE PYUN, editor of Sprig.com, and Sprig food correspondent Alisa Weinstein were online Thursday to talk about the recent Slow Food Nation conference and share ideas on how to make your refrigerator and pantry contents more eco-friendly.

I'm on a budget and can't afford to completely go organic. What swaps will make the most difference for the environment and my health?

If you're on a budget, it makes sense to buy your organic foods strategically, i.e., where they'll do the most good nutritionally and do the least harm to your health in terms of pesticides residue. In terms of best choices, here are five

top organic picks: beef, milk, potatoes, apples and soy.

OK, milk and egg carton conundrum: Is it better to buy milk in a recyclable plastic container (usually non-organic store-brand milk), or organic milk in a non-recyclable wax-cardboard container? Not to mention it irks me to no end that most organic eggs come in non-recyclable plastic or Styrofoam containers. What's a conscientious person to do?!

For reasons I've mentioned before — higher nutritional content and lower pesticide trace, antibiotics and hormones in organic milk — you should buy for yourself and your health first (in my opinion) and get the organic milk in the non-recyclable wax-cardboard container. I hear you about non-recyclable egg containers! But nothing's yummier than a farm-fresh egg.

If I have the option between a regular, locally grown piece of fruit and an organic fruit grown in another part of the country or world, which is better?

Definitely the locally grown food — the food that comes from another part of the world has a much bigger carbon footprint. The best option would be to shop at your local farmers market and talk to the farmers before you buy. The best thing we can do for our health and to support local agriculture is to get to know the people who supply our food. Another option is to take part in a Community Supported Agriculture program that delivers fresh, locally grown produce directly to your door or to a nearby pick-up point.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post sports columnist Thomas Boswell takes your questions about the Redskins and the Ryder Cup at 3 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



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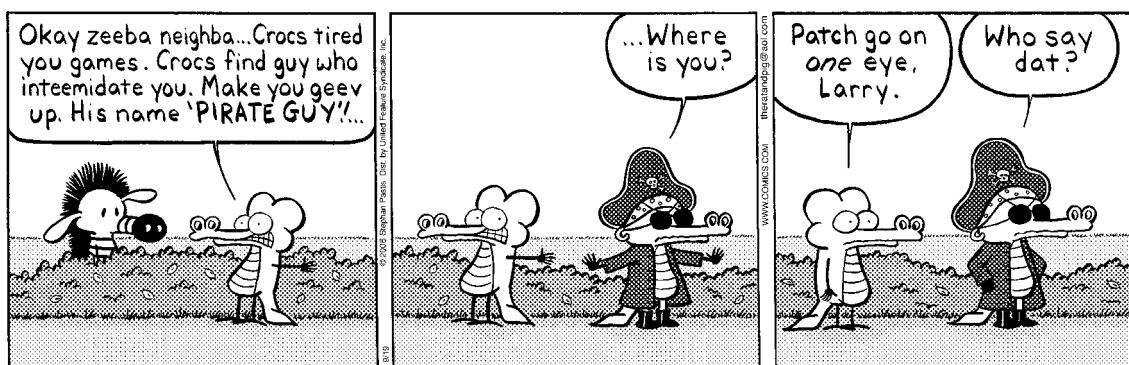


"We each agree to an eight-hour shift. He needs round-the-clock care."

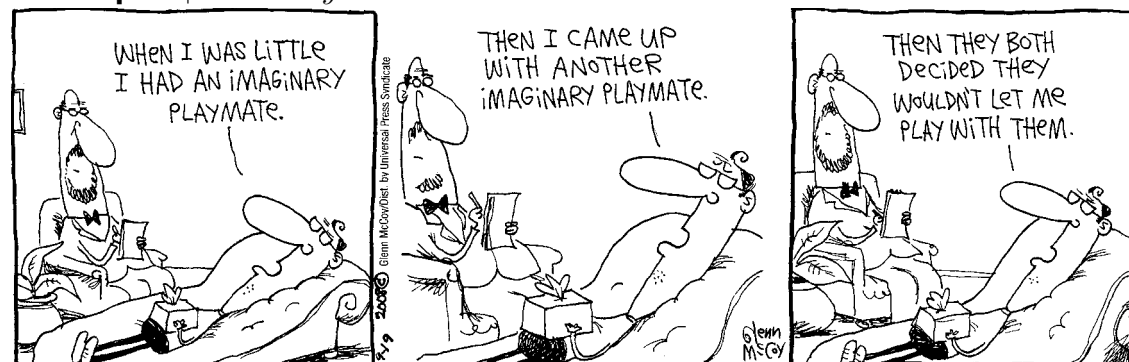
Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll receive the green light for an important endeavor. Though you've been relying on others, it will be up to you and you alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A chance encounter is likely to change the course of your entire day — and, perhaps, the week ahead. Consider yourself part of the team.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A little good luck comes your way, and if you add a little skill to the brew, you will surely come up with something of value.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Get an early start on a long-term project. It is important to your eventual success that you lay the groundwork — right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others may notice inconsistencies between your public and private images. Don't take any related criticism too much to heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may find yourself in charge of one or two press-

ing issues. Get in touch with your inner resources; seek creative outlets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Do something nice for that special someone — and don't be fooled into thinking that routine pleasures are enough at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Heed the warnings of those around you, and don't push yourself beyond your own established limits. Now is a good time to play it safe.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It may be up to you to come through for someone who is under the weather or otherwise unable to do an important job on his or her own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Only through careful cooperation and a willingness to do your part can you make the progress you've planned on at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take the bull by the horns and insist that you be given the chance to accomplish something you may have failed at in the recent past.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll have the opportunity to go on an intimate journey of discovery with someone who is soon likely to be closer to you than ever before. Enjoy.

Letters

Focus on National Debt

Because of its concise, relevant reporting on the important issues, Express should report on the real issues facing this country: our multibillion-dollar commitment toward funding war and weapons

expansion. It's not Wall Street, the Dow Jones averages or the solvency of central banks. Rather, the root causes of this economic crisis are our failure to address our national debt (not our budget deficits) and the propensity toward weapons research, searching for a war and world leadership.

—EDWARD ABRAMIC
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1783 Jacques Etienne Montgolfier launches a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles in France.

1796 President Washington's farewell address is published. In it, the nation's first chief executive writes, "Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all."

1881 The 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, dies 2 1/2 months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur becomes president.

1957 The United States conducts its first contained underground nuclear test, code-named "Rainier," in the Nevada desert.

1960 Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checks out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management. Castro accepts an invitation to stay at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem.

1982 Carnegie Mellon University professor Scott E. Fahlman proposes punctuating humorously intended computer messages by employing a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis as a horizontal "smiley face." :-)

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People



Pitt gives \$100,000 to ax Proposition 8.

PHILANTHROPY

Miserly Brad Pitt Donates Less Than \$1 Million

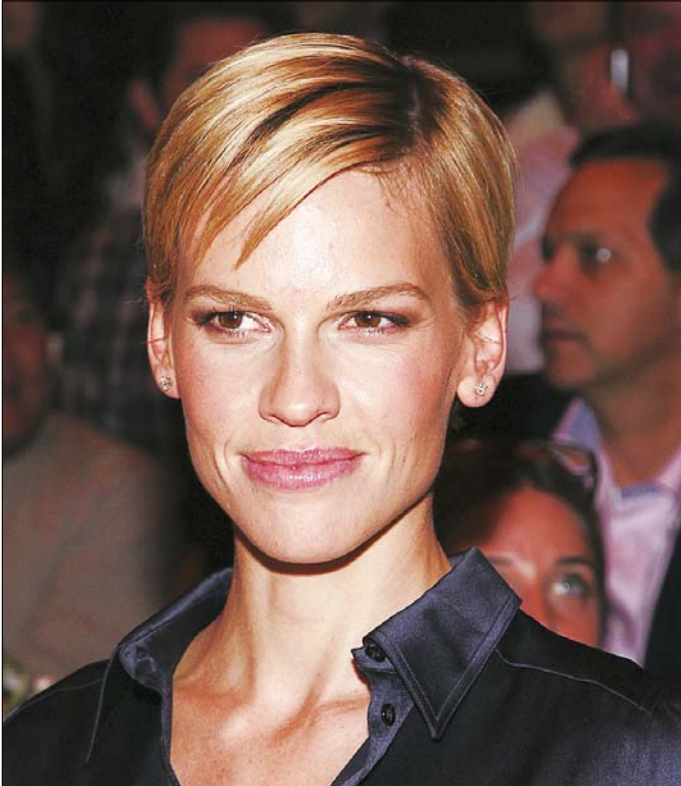
BRAD PITT has donated \$100,000 to fight California's ballot initiative that would overturn the state Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage. "Because everyone has the right to live the life they so desire," Pitt said Wednesday. (AP)

BUSTED

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THOMAS JANE has pleaded no contest to drunken driving after he was clocked going 120 mph in a Maserati. Jane wasn't in the Shafter, Calif., courtroom but made the plea through his lawyer. The actor was fined \$1,700. (AP)



ON THE MEND

Chad Lowe Found

HILARY SWANK is recovering after a hospital procedure to remove a small, benign growth, a representative for the Oscar-winning actress said Thursday. "She was experiencing some discomfort and went to see her doctor, who prescribed an immediate course of action that included a brief hospitalization" to eliminate the growth, said Swank's manager, Jason Weinberg. (AP)

ECO-CHARITY

Live Earth Concert Will Head Txo India

Last year's Live Earth concert spanned four continents, and 150 acts performed over a 24-hour period. But organizers Al Gore and Kevin Wall decided this year to stage only one event in India, in the hopes of bringing their message



Singer Amitabh Bachchan is so excited.

to the developing world. Slat- ed to perform are Jon Bon Jovi and Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan. "We need to open doors for local envi- ronmental organizations to cre- ate consciousness here," said Wall of India. (AP)

GUEST STAR

You Get a Part! You Get a Part! You Get a Part!

OPRAH WINFREY has taped an epi- sode of the Emmy Award-winning comedy "30 Rock" at the Silvercup Studios in Queens, NY. While it is unknown whether the queen of all media will play herself, or some



other part, NBC did confirm the show will air Nov. 6. The billion- aire talk show host's appear- ance is being billed as a one-time-only occur- rence. (EXPRESS)

MORE PHILANTHROPY

Denzel, Shaq as Kids Are New Faces of Boys Club

DENZEL WASHINGTON, who attended the Boys & Girls Clubs of America as a child, is among the stars who have lent their childhood photos to the organization for a national advertising campaign. Washington unveiled the "BE GREAT" campaign Wednesday. (AP)

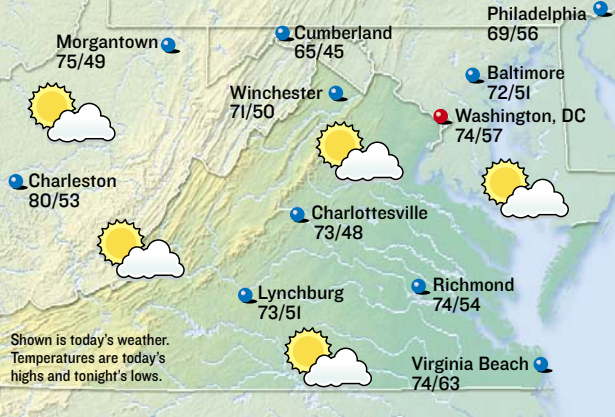


Denzel was photogenic even as a child.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy, cool	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny
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Almanac

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Normal month to date 2.29"

Year to date 37.66"

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Normal year to date 28.66"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 74. Wind east 8-16 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 57. Wind northeast 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

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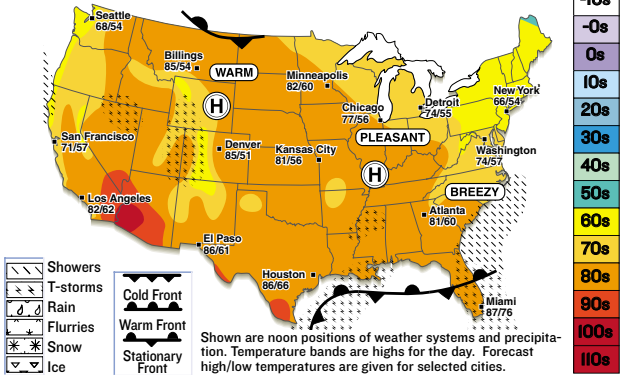
Sunset tonight 7:10 p.m.

Moonrise today 9:25 p.m.

Moonset today 11:51 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, September 19



National Cities

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Atlanta	81/60/pc	76/59/pc
Boston	60/47/s	68/52/s
Chicago	77/56/s	78/56/pc
Dallas	86/64/pc	86/63/s
Denver	85/51/pc	81/50/pc
Honolulu	88/73/s	88/74/s
Los Angeles	82/62/pc	82/62/pc
Miami	87/76/t	89/76/sh
New York City	66/54/s	72/58/s
Orlando	87/71/t	86/73/t
Seattle	68/54/pc	65/53/c

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	61/47/pc	62/46/s
Athens	76/64/s	69/68/r
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Buenos Aires	64/52/pc	64/48/pc
Calgary	73/43/pc	70/46/pc
Dublin	59/48/pc	61/50/pc
Geneva	68/40/c	64/46/s
Moscow	57/41/pc	59/45/pc
Rome	72/52/r	70/50/s
Sydney	77/59/pc	84/61/pc
Tokyo	77/73/r	77/73/r

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faceQtime

Think you have issues with your mother? Alexis Stewart, the only kid of domestic doyenne Martha Stewart, has you beat. Sure, the younger Stewart loves her mom, but that doesn't keep her and co-host Jennifer Koppelman Hutt from poking fun at her old TV segments on the new Fine Living Network show "Whatever, Martha!" (Tues., 9 p.m.).

Who had the idea for this show?

ALEXIS STEWART: It was Martha. She can't sleep at night, and she stays up watching "Mystery Science Theater 3000." She said, "You girls should do this." And there's nothing more fun than making fun of your mother.

The vintage clips are hysterical. How are they chosen?

AS: The show producers choose them.

JENNIFER KOPPELMAN HUTT: Yeah, that way what we say when we're watching them is fresh and unscripted.

What's the easiest thing to make fun of?

JKH: When Martha has props, it's sometimes really funny. In one clip, she was exercising with a Persian

cat on her back. So we called it a pussy party!

AS: I love that one. And I think it's easier for Jennifer to dart it off when she's making fun of my mother. I don't necessarily feel comfortable saying, "That's a nice Persian pussy."

What else do you target?

JKH: Well, some of the things Martha does don't seem humanly possible. And then, in some older segments, things seem dated. We've done some laughing at hairstyles.

Alexis, have you inherited any of your mother's domestic skills?

AS: I bake and cook all the time.

JKH: Alexis is unbelievable. She has the gene. She can bake tarts and bars. Me, I can bake a choco-



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■ Jennifer Koppelman Hutt ■ Alexis Stewart

HOSTS OF "WHATEVER, MARTHA!"

late-chip cookie if Alexis gives me the recipe.

Are you guys like Martha in any other ways?

JKH: Well, I'm like her in that I want to learn new things.

AS: I think I'm a perfectionist like

she is, which can be exhausting. But at home, I live in a luxurious but spare apartment. I'm not into collecting, so that's not like her.

Why do you think some people have a love-hate relationship with Martha?

"Martha is happy to have us point out her foibles. She's in on the joke."

JKH: She's so talented, and everything she does she actually can do — she's the real deal. So, I can see how people are envious.

AS: Yeah, I do think when people are envious, it's something they've given her. It wasn't Martha that decided she was perfect; it was other people feeling inadequate.

So, what does Martha think of the show?

AS: Martha is happy to have us point out her foibles. She's in on the joke, cracking up.

"Whatever, Martha!" often feels like an extended girls night in. If you were really hosting one, what would you serve?

JKH: Alexis would provide the wine and cheese, and I'd be all about the pizza. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



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Bird Mentality

ABOA looks appropriate only if you're under 10 years old or planning to dress up like Mae West for Halloween. Flaunt feathers

5 in a subtler, less showgirlish way by donning one of Leigh & Luca's fringed wool and velvet scarves (\$160; Intermix.com). Before the chill comes, they layer nicely over tops. Later, they'll work their flirty goodness over coats. Sartorial savants can even tie one, sarong-style, into a clever skirt.

Spice, Just Add Ice

HAIR-OF-THE-DOG cocktails at brunch aren't necessarily something doctors condone. But using Modmix's new Wasabi Bloody Mary blend (\$13; Btcelelements.com) at least means that those morning highballs are organic and much tastier than average. A zing of ginger and a wallop of wasabi make the potion tasty enough to slurp even without the added goodness of vodka. But do you really want to start your day in such a wholesome way?



2 Clamp Classic

THOSE OVERDUE BILLS teetering on the edge of your desk won't pay themselves, even if you bustle them neatly together with one of Susy Jack Collection's colorful printed clothespins (\$6 for five; Seejanework.com). Still, the cheerful little doohickeys, which come in six hue combos, might make mundane tasks — closing Dorito bags, hanging wet laundry from an eco-friendly line or teasing your boyfriend's cat) — more stylish.



4 A Bean in The Hand

LIVING OFF THE GRID (or really, really far from a Starbucks) no longer means going sans fancy coffee. The Handpresso (\$130; Importika.com) — until recently available only in Europe — fits neatly into one paw and requires just some beans, hot water and a not-very-energetic squeeze to shoot out strong, personality-enhancing brew. But beware: The potion it spews out is super steamy! You fire the thing straight into your mouth at your own risk, you hopped-up cafffiend.



Grab Bag



D.C. Smoking Fan

SMOKY EYE KITS are on the verge of overexposure, especially those with idiot-proof stencils, 10 shades of gray and lowest-common-denominator instructions. Stila's Backstage Beauty set is ideal for those who can already wield the tools of the smoky lid with ease but wouldn't mind having said tools in a compact. The set — a base and two grays, plus black liner — also comes with an unashamedly Goth pleather rose on a ribbon, perfect for hiding unsightly fang marks.

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ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I've been hired by the my alma mater as a fundraiser, so I'll be traveling a lot this fall. I need a pair of boots that will see me through from the airport to the boardroom. — LILLIAN

■ Ayyyyy! The Manolo's friend has gone over to the dark side, joining the only organization more persistent than the IRS, more tricky than the CIA, more capable of finding fugitives than the FBI: your college's fundraising department. Trust the Manolo, the National Security Administration



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Here is the Mango from La Canadienne (\$339, Zappos.com) that is both attractive and weatherproof.

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ON THE COVER

Sarah wears a Free People dress (\$148; Shopbop.com), denim jacket (\$30; Oldnavy.com), leather cuff and stone earrings (\$525 and \$200; Southwesternjewelry.net). Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair/makeup, Richard Bernal, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.

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(1) Fit for sawdust floors or city streets, Frye's updated cowgirl boots (\$268, Piperlime.com) work with skirts or skinny jeans. **(2)** OK, so you'll probably never win a barrel-racing competition. But this silver-buckled belt (\$375, Southwesternjewelry.com) makes it look like you did, partner. **(3)** An Aztec print freshens up this year's ubiquitous neck scarf (\$12, Nordstrom, Montgomery Mall, Bethesda, Md.; 301-365-4111). This purple beauty would two-step prettily with a plain white tee and a denim skirt.



SPURS OF THE MOMENT

Be a fashion outlaw with boots, cow hats and stone-studded jeans inspired by the wild, wild West

(11) Give a black shirtdress a dose of prairie chic with a belt buckled in silver leather lends a bag (\$150; Ninewest.com) a Dale Evans-goes-downtown feel. **(12)** for a quick trip, whether it's to New Mexico or New York. **(14)** Botkier subtly fr



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(7) A skinny, dramatic ring (\$240; Southwesternjewelry.net) combines turquoise and silver. **(8) Chucks on the range?** Minnetonka's classic suede moccasins (\$40; Piperlime.com) can stand in for sneakers with jeans or khakis. **(9) Coral and silver** stylishly powwow on a dramatic cuff (\$1,800; Southwesternjewelry.net). **(10) Speedy steeds**, diamonds, gold and enamel combine on Hidalgo's Vegas-y rings (\$1,388-\$2,024; Hidalgojewelry.com).

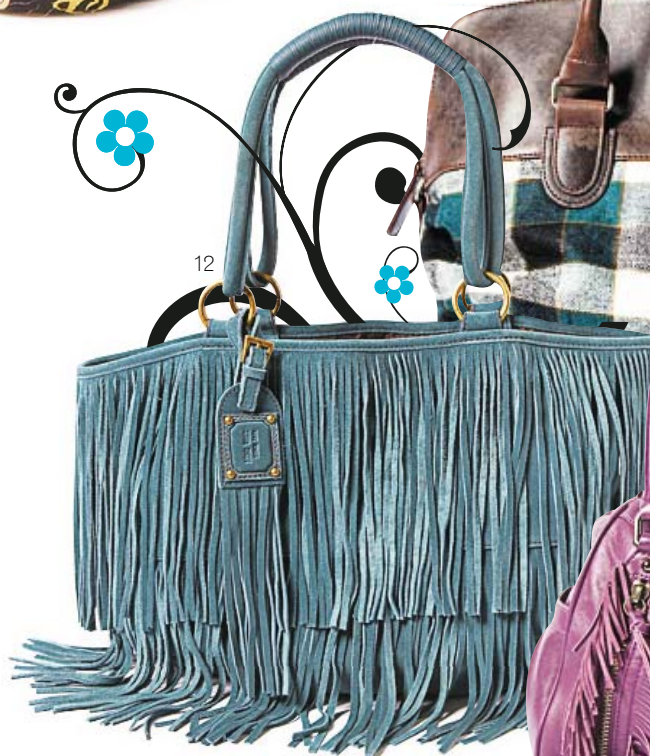


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The urge to go West, young fashionista, is strong this fall. Cowgirl fringe, Indian beading and chunky stones galloped down runways from Ralph Lauren to Dolce & Gabbana. "It's a classic, open-skies, American look," says Vicky Turbeville of Southwesternjewelry.net. Lassoing the trend via accessories — buffalo-plaid bags, turquoise rings, Annie Oakley-style boots — enables you to add giddy-up to your getup without being mistaken for a rodeo queen. **ASHLEY JOY PARKER**



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(4) An ironic, iconic six-shooter pendant necklace (\$77; Shopbop.com) hits the mark with a ruffled shirt. **(5) On an Indian summer** day, a cowboy hat (\$50; Hatcountry.com) adds a twang to a fall dress. **(6) American Indians** believe turquoise is sacred. It also looks ruggedly lovely when strung into statement jewelry like these earrings (\$24, Southwesternjewelry.net).



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and turquoise (\$675; Southwesternjewelry.net). **(12) Fringe festival:** Teal **A buffalo plaid** weekender bag (\$66; Fredflare.com) boasts enough space **es a leather bag** (\$650; Botkier.com) in this season's "it" color.

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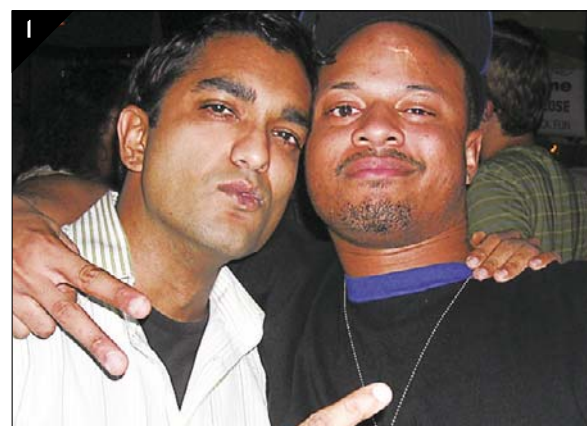
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SEEKING ANSWERS ON THE TOWN

Q What do you do in a financial crunch and why?

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1. "Invest in euros," Harsh Kumar, left. "Withdraw all my money, put it in a 'Spider-Man' lunch box and put that in my garage," Sean Anthony Tescadero. **2.** "Drown in more debt," Matthew Mandelberg, left. "Keep shopping at Secondi," Carra Fowlkes. **3.** "Drink more at home," Kate Davenport, left. "Drink more beer, but less in bars," Josh Tulkin. **4.** "I've got lots of commodities, such as pants. Pants are going to be big," John DeRiggi. **5.** "Give up my Express subscription," Julia Spoolia, left. "Buy alcohol. Might as well go down with champagne," Celia Cheng. **6.** "Stop drinking good beer," Erik Chaplinsky. ROBYN MINCHER



"Might as well go down with champagne."



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Aiyana Barbour, Errol Pelham Jr.

Aiyana, 29, is a customer service rep. Errol, 38, is a truck driver. They live in Capitol Heights.

- **The Main Event:** A formal ceremony and reception in Greenbelt on Sept. 19. Aiyana will walk down the aisle to "You for Me (The Wedding Song)" by Johnny Gill. The bride's uncle will officiate.
- **How They Met:** While singing karaoke at Vie De France.
- **First Impressions:** "She was tall, thick, sexy, energetic and outgoing." "He was shy and conservative, but cute."
- **First Date:** A trip to the movies.

■ **How He Proposed:** Last November, Errol "walked in our home and said he had a surprise for me," Aiyana recalls with a laugh. "I knew what it was. I just wanted to see what the ring looked like. He then got down on one knee."

■ **Their Song:** Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely?" says Aiyana. "It symbolizes our 2-year-old daughter's birth."

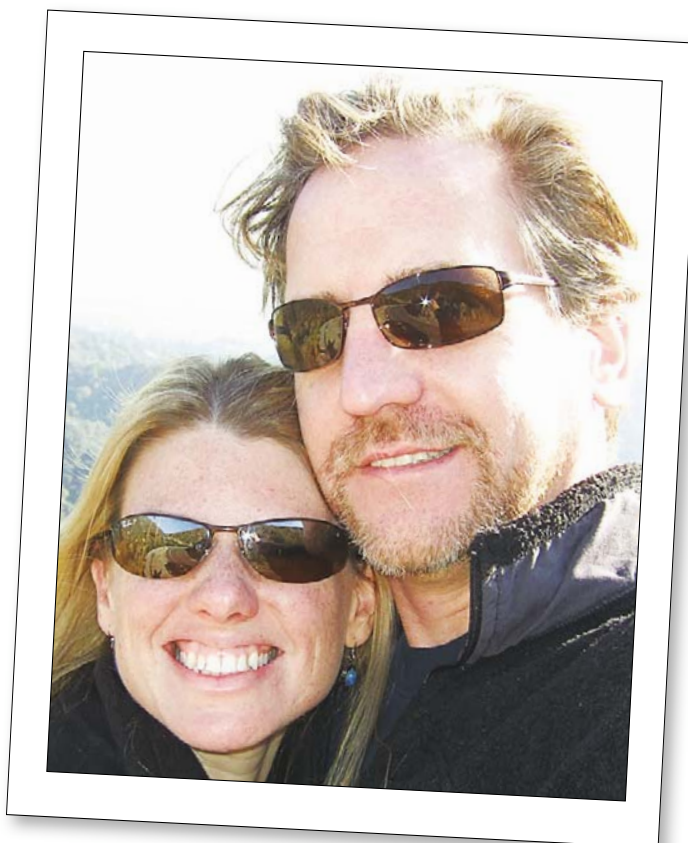
■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "His raggedy T-shirts." "Her small jackets."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Over him tuning the radio in my car. He won't let me turn his dial, so I decided one day not to let him turn mine."

■ **When He Knew:** "When we separated for a few months. I realized I couldn't live without her."

■ **With an Infinite Budget:** The couple says they "would pay for everyone to go overseas and have an island wedding."

"When we separated. ... I realized I couldn't live without her."



Hot for (Former) Teacher

When **JENNIFER BROSTEK** took **ALAN THORNHILL's** graduate-level conservation ecology course in 2006, she didn't know the assistant professor at the chalkboard would one day be the man waiting for her at the end of the aisle. "I was struck by how young he was," she recalls. Wait a sec: Even though Alan "noticed her right away ... she was a student at that point. I would never ask a student out!" But when the semester ended, and Jenn asked to meet up for some career advice, a friendship quickly formed. Their relationship bloomed into romance several months later. While they vacationed in Hawaii in March, Alan found inspiration while buying Jenn a necklace — that had a matching ring. "It suddenly struck me I'd like to give her it as an engagement ring." He did just that on another trip (this time to Costa Rica) as they dined outdoors on a cliff overlooking the ocean. "I was shocked," says Jenn. They'll wed Sept. 20 in Sandy, Utah.

Jenn, 33, works for the National Science Foundation. Alan, 42, works for the Society of Conservation Biology. They live in D.C.



Amanda Liggett, Ryan Yanchuleff

Amanda, 27, is an administrative assistant. Ryan, 27, is a consultant. They live in Centreville, Va.

■ **The Main Event:** A ceremony and reception in Annandale on Sept. 20. After exchanging vows, the couple will walk up the aisle to "Peanuts" "Linus & Lucy."

■ **How They Met:** At Rhino Bar's happy hour, through a mutual friend.

■ **First Impressions:** "She was really fun to hang out with and really cute." "He had gorgeous eyes and a great smile."

■ **First Date:** "I took her to her first Major League Baseball game, at RFK Stadium. I bought her a Nats hat. I still thinks she looks cute in it."

■ **How He Proposed:** Ryan planned to pop the question on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, but his plan was

"I took her to her first MLB game, at RFK Stadium. I bought her a Nationals hat."

thwarted by busloads of tourists there. "So, I had to improvise and did it next to the columns on the back side of the memorial instead." (She still said yes.)

■ **Their Song:** Rascal Flatts' "God Bless the Broken Road."

■ **Making It Unique:** "Our pastor asked us to come up with a 'Top 10 Reasons You Love Ryan/Amanda' and will incorporate it into the ceremony," says Amanda.

■ **When He Knew:** "I was really sick in January. The way she took care of me was more than anyone had ever done for me."

Ryan Muety, Heather Russell

Ryan, 29, is a director for a sporting goods company. Heather, 26, is a marketing manager. They live in D.C.

- **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony and reception in Annapolis on Sept. 20.
- **Honeymoon:** They'll jet to Hawaii.
- **How They Met:** At a bar in Annapolis. "He offered to buy me a drink, which I declined. After several attempts, I finally gave him my number."

■ **First Impressions:** "He was super-cute and a little cocky." "She was so beautiful. I had to meet her."

■ **First Date:** A dinner date at Paolo's in Georgetown.

■ **How He Proposed:** When they traveled to Italy,

Ryan made the most of a gondola ride on Venice's Grand Canal. "To be honest, I didn't even think, 'What if I fell in?' When I did get down on my knee,



Heather wasn't sure what was going on and grabbed my arm. But it all worked out perfectly. If I had fallen in, it would have made a great story."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Her oversized gold belt. It reminds me of a WWF wrestling belt."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "We argued as we were trying to catch a flight," says Ryan. "I like to be early, and Heather gets distracted by every magazine stand."

■ **Making It Unique:** "Everything about the wedding is very customized and personable," says Heather. "I designed everything from the save-the-dates to the welcome bags and the maps of Annapolis."

■ **When She Knew:** "After our first date. I came home and told my roommate I was going to marry Ryan."

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